

Rogers Man Argues Against Fayetteville, Ark. Resolution

SPRINGDALE, Ark. (AP)— Opponents of an anti-discrimination item on the fall ballot in Fayetteville say the measure would affect surrounding communities if it passes.

The proposal would prohibit businesses in the city from discriminating in hiring on the basis of sexual orientation or family status. It also says the city won't discriminate on the basis of race, sex, disability and other reasons.

"When Fayetteville sneezes, Springdale, Rogers and Bentonville all get wet," said Kirk Hartness of Rogers, coordinator for the Citizens Aware Group.

Fayetteville's city council approved the resolution in April, but Mayor Fred Hanna vetoed it. The city council overrode the veto May 6, and a group called the Citizens Aware committee collected enough signatures to put the measure on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Hartness said that there is more to the resolution than meets the eye. He said businesses would be "forced to cave-in to hiring and benefit policies catering to homosexuals." He also said there would be access to the public schools "with an agenda to teach children 5, 6 and 7-year-old their bizarre and destructive sexual practices are just another lifestyle."

Hartness spoke after Christian Coalition Chairman Brent Watson of Fayetteville yielded the floor at a candidates' forum attended by about 20 people.

Citizens for Fair Government, a local political action group, says it hopes to educate people about the issue so they will vote for the resolution.

Hartness said he was asked by Rev. Gene Fulcher and Rev. Charlie Brown, the co-chairmen of the Citizens Aware steering group to head the campaign.

He said the group had struggled for a name of the resolution, but "we have to be careful with these things in the public though because we don't want to identify this specifically as a piece of homosexual legislation — however you should be aware for the purposes of discussion — that is what this is really all about."

He said similar resolutions had been passed in communities on or near college campuses and that the resolutions are not about equal access to jobs or education.



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Holy Trinity Purchases Property for New Church, Plans Move this Fall

For nearly two years the membership and leadership of Holy Trinity Community Church have been involved in an extensive search for a new home. The church has strong ties to Midtown and particularly to the Gay community.

Holy Trinity has purchased the former First Tennessee bank building at 3430 Summer Ave. with the help of realtor Polly Bolin. Members of the board signed over their bank accounts and homes out of their deep commitment for Holy Trinity and its ministries.

"The building is architecturally post modern with a vast openness that would allow us to do whatever we want," said Meadows.

Holy Trinity also marks the purchase of a building as a sign of permanence in the Memphis community, an achievement far greater than one might think. There have been several religious groups and circles that have sprung up and burned out. Midtown has also seen several churches relocate or close as members continue to move east.

Holy Trinity Pastor, Tim Meadows remarks, "This part of Memphis is not noted as a great bed of church growth in the traditional sense, especially of those churches which are largely homophobic, white and middle-class."

Church vestry members established a task force which led a prolonged process of congregational meetings and surveys to establish costs, demographic information, location guidelines and future planning strategies.

"Early on we made the decision to stay in the Midtown area even through many of our members live in the suburbs," said Jodie Felmet, vestry moderator.



Holy Trinity Community Church has purchased this 5000 square foot building at 3430 Summer Ave. The building was built in 1963. Initial plans include renovating the existing space for church use; long-term plans call for a sanctuary addition to the building.

"We also had a modest budget within which to work... we did not want to be building poor," added Felmet.

The goal was to stay west of Highland and south of Jackson with Park Avenue as a southern border and the Mississippi River to the west. "There is not a whole lot of property within our price range that is adaptable and in good working order within these parameters," said Church Treasurer Don Morgan.

The property has access to Faxon, National Boulevard, and frontage on Summer Avenue. There seems to be ample parking with landscaped grounds. The interior is a vast box waiting for Holy Trinity to transform the building.

The church has hired Ed Bridges, an area designer, to design changes to the building.

Holy Trinity celebrated its eighth anniversary this year with a strong and growing congregation. Holy Trinity is unusual

because the church has no ties to any religious denomination and was born out of the Gay and Lesbian Christian community in Memphis. The diversity of persons in the congregation is a rare find. When HTCC gathers each Sunday, it is a mixture of heartfelt music, evangelical zeal and an open sharing of Holy Communion.

"It's like we have bought our first home," remarked Lori Eades, who will be heading up the church's moving program. The church anticipates moving in mid-autumn.

The acquisition begins the first phase of a five-year building program which will end with the completion of a sanctuary adjacent to the Summer Avenue building.

"This is a significant step forward not only for Holy Trinity, but for Gay and Lesbian people of faith in Memphis, points out Jean Crawford, Holy Trinity vestry member.

"The Boss" Turns 60

Sharon Wray, Lesbian pioneer and owner of Madison Flame, celebrated her 60th birthday in Venice, Italy, in August. Friends would not let her celebrate on her own, so a surprise birthday celebration, attended by a capacity audience, was planned for Sharon on Fri., Aug. 28, at Madison Flame. Her 50th birthday celebration was a veritable "This Is Your Life" party and, as it turned out, one of the last great gatherings of the movers and shakers of the 60s and 70s.

The plans include arrival at the bar by horse-drawn carriage; faces from past and present in the crowd; drag, performers, loyal customers, Lesbian organizations and members of Memphis' leather community on hand to wish her well and a buffet. Jimmy Gray (aka Dee Dee Whitaker) emceed a show full of talent and tales with Vincent Astor, of *TJN*, as main roaster were also planned.

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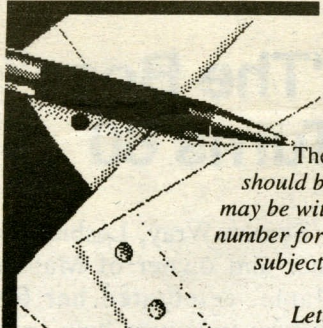
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The New "Other"

There is a certain Nazi logic to the invective of several politicians and some religious political extremist groups in the United States. Each group is using homophobia, fear and ignorance to curry favor with voters for upcoming local and national elections. There are disturbing parallels in this logic which brings to mind the Third Reich's use of the Jew to electrify, excite and unite a nation. For the Third Reich to work, there needed to be an "Other," an outsider, a minority that was feared and loathed for illogical reasons. On that "Other" could be heaped the blame for all the ills that transpired in a society that lost a world war and was mired in the depression. That "Other" was exploited by the creators of the Third Reich. Somehow if the "Other" was purged from the soci-

ety, harmony and economic well-being would return to the nation which would once again return to the righteous path. This Nazi logic lead to intolerance and discrimination so terrible that Jews were eventually stripped of their citizenship, property, homes and lives, all accomplished using existing German laws. Nazi logic employed a propaganda machine to drive acts of violence committed by a whole nation. Without statehood, property, a home and friends, the Jews sank to levels of the non-human to the true believers. Since they were no longer classified as human, they were ripe for extermination.

The Gay and Lesbian have become the new "Other" for many politicians and some religious extremists. Although the language is English, the setting the United States, the Nazi logic is the same. For these groups, the Gay or Lesbian is

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somehow less than the heterosexual or the god-fearing. He is a kleptomaniac, diseased, godless, a child molester or worse. He will infect your children with Gayness or AIDS, is unfit to serve his country, and someone who will surely pervert the American way of life and bring God's wrath down on every state from the heavens. He is evil; he is the "Other," the reason why society is degenerating and why marriage needs defending. If we deprive him of his rights, take away his livelihood and cast him out, all will be well with the world and with God.

Often, the creation of the "Other" needs covert and overt approval by

people in high places, people terrified of change and loss of control. Approval of hatred is often dressed in religious symbols and texts to make credible absurd and dangerous notions of supremacy and self-righteousness. Although the messages may appear to be glazed with Christian compassion and concern, their subtexts reveal messages of intense intolerance and bigotry. Those giving approval are as guilty as the actual brown shirts who commit verbal and physical violence on the Gay community. It is our Kristallnacht.

Damiano Iocovozzi
Martinez, Calif.
Via the Internet

Remembrances of Southern Country

I read with great interest Ira King's commentary on Southern Country Memphis. The "good old days" go back a little further for me. The club was founded in 1991 by Terry Baker and Ron White. Terry moved here from Birmingham, the home of the original Southern Country (since disbanded). The first bar mentor was Chaps which once occupied the entire building which houses Club 501 and Crossroads. The dance floor at Crossroads was built by Chaps and owner David Bulliner especially for Southern Country.

Southern Country had a long run at the former Reflections, making regular use of its smaller dance rooms and holding its early Hoedowns in the larger area. The picture in the mirrors of that room of 40 couples doing the sway in perfect unison is an image that I remember with great fondness.

However, Southern Country was not allowed to move to the new Zippers location when Reflections was closed. And don't tell me that I'm exaggerating, I was at those meetings. *Allowed* is the correct word.

The club then alternated between 501 (with another new custom dance floor) and WKRB. For reasons of its own and the change in ownership of WKRB, the club ended up at Madison Flame (on another very fine dance floor, this time the floor came

first).

There have always been members in Southern Country who preferred the social aspects to the dance aspects. It was intended, as I saw it, to be a dance club, but being headquartered in a bar made those aspects part and parcel of the club's activities.

I couldn't help but notice, in spite of the efforts of several warm and wonderful people, an attitude of cliquishness grew among some members of Southern Country. I never felt that one should exhibit "bar attitude" to another person wearing the same badge as oneself, particularly if one has a high profile. This attitude happened to me a number of times. I guess I just never fit in. I have not been involved in the club during the recent events Mr. King writes about.

Last time I went on a Tuesday (at Lorenz) I only saw one person I remembered from my fun days with this club. Very few people were there. The "Reunion" hoedown a couple of weeks later (at 501) was a very satisfying and well-attended flashback, as if nothing had altered. I don't know where the club will be going now and I hope that those who are left will enjoy one another. The club did a lot of good with their fund-raisers and their use of the Holiday Inn Midtown for their hoedowns helped move Gay/Lesbian events out into more public areas. We'll have to see what the future brings. I probably will be content with remembering.

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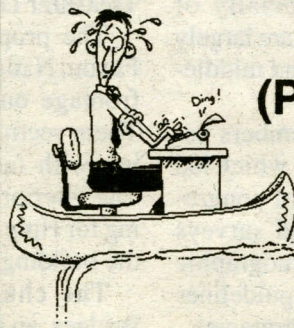
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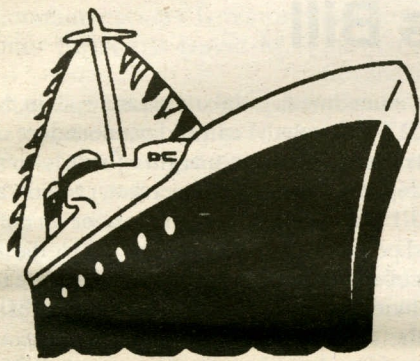
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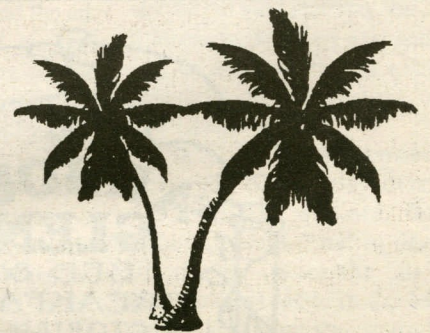
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Anti-Gay Hefley Amendment to Overturn Clinton's Executive Order Banning Job Discrimination Defeated

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives Aug. 6 defeated the Hefley Amendment by a vote of 252-176.

The amendment to the House Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill, which would have overturned President Clinton's May 28th executive order banning workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation, is a serious setback to the Far Right's recent anti-Gay legislative crusade.

The vote signals that members of Congress may fear a backlash from voters who overwhelmingly believe discrimination against Gay Americans is wrong, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"This vote was historic. For the first time in the history of this country, the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives voted that discrimination against Gay and Lesbian Americans is wrong," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "Religious political groups and the Congressional allies overreached and, in the process, delivered our community a strong statement from Congress that they agree with most Americans and support protecting Gay Americans from unfair discrimination.

"Republicans, Democrats, and independents in Congress did not want to add the official stamp of approval for anti-Gay workplace discrimination in federal agencies."

Most Americans adamantly oppose the Hefley Amendment and its goal of legalizing discrimination," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg. Birch and Stachelberg

praised Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) and Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) for their leadership in defeating this amendment.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Joel Hefley (R-CO), was out-of-step with public opinion. A new poll released by HRC and conducted by the polling firm Penn, Schoen and Berland shows 64 percent of Americans said they are against Congress overturning the executive order, compared to only 28 percent who support overturning the discrimination ban.

A *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll released last week reaffirms the HRC findings with 72

percent of the American public supporting President Clinton's Executive Order against anti-Gay bias in federal agencies. An April 1997 poll conducted for the Human Rights Campaign by the Tarrance Group, shows that 80 percent of the American public says that homosexuals should have equal rights in terms of job opportunities.

Before this executive order was issued, many federal agencies had their own separate policies banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. This often led to confusion amongst government workers as to whether or not they were protected. Contrary to the claims of the

GOP leadership, this executive order helps clarify the law for government workers by bringing uniformity to existing anti-discrimination policies across the federal government. The order adds sexual orientation to the list of protected categories for which discrimination is already prohibited, i.e., race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability and age. In issuing the order, Clinton noted that this policy does not add any new enforcement rights, such as the ability of a civilian federal worker to appeal an anti-Gay job discrimination case before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

House Passes Anti-Gay Adoption Amendment to District of Columbia House Appropriations Bill

WASHINGTON — In the latest of series of legislative attacks against Gay Americans and people at risk for HIV, two amendments to the District of Columbia House Appropriations Bill were passed that would prohibit unmarried couples from jointly adopting and deny money for needle exchange programs.

The discriminatory adoption amendment, offered by Oklahoma Republican Steve Largent, is unmistakably anti-gay and is an intrusion into local government that will put thousands of D.C. children at risk, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"The contradictions and illogic of Largent's anti-gay amendment are unbelievable. On the one hand, those pushing it say they want to provide greater security for children. But in reality, they are creating less stability by limiting the number of guardians which will leave children vulnerable," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg.

"The American public doesn't want family policy made by the federal government. It is hypocritical that these vocal proponents of more local control want to play national nanny and micro-manage adoption decisions that should be made on a case-by-case basis by parents and professionals."

Under the Largent amendment, which passed on a 227-192 vote, single D.C. residents would still have the ability to adopt children. The amendment will ban joint adoption by unrelated persons.

While both parties of an unmarried couple would obviously still serve as parents to the child, the second parent would have no legal responsibility or protections for the child, including financial. In unfortunate circumstances, such as a break-up or the death of a legal parent, the non-legal parent would have no legal responsibility to care for the child.

As of June 22, 1998, there were 3,600 children in the D.C. foster care system waiting to be adopted.

The passage of Rep. Largent's amendment follows last week's rejection of the same amendment offered by Rep. Tiahrt to the House Appropriations Committee. For three years, there have been attempts to attach similar language on adoption in the D.C. appropriations bill.

This is the first time such language has passed. An August 1997 poll conducted by Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates shows that most Americans agree that the federal government should stay out of family law decisions. In fact, Americans categorically reject the notion that the government should

take a greater role in deciding who can and cannot adopt children. By a margin of nearly four to one (74 to 19 percent,) voters say we should keep the system we currently have, rather than allow the federal government to take a greater role.

Kansas Republican Rep. Tiahrt's amendment to the bill also passed by a vote of 250-169. The Tiahrt amendment would prohibit the use of federal and District funds from being used for needle exchange programs. The amendment further prohibits funds from being paid to any organization that carries out such programs.

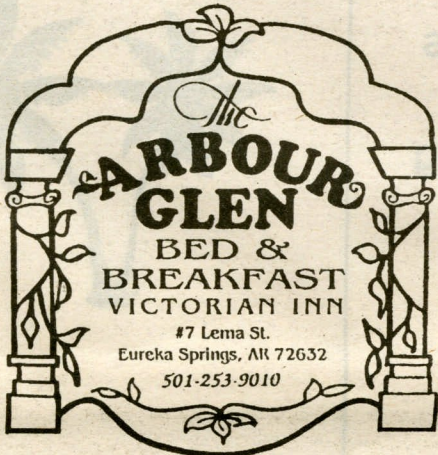
"This crass political opportunism and intrusion into local District affairs will result in more people suffering and becoming infected with HIV," said HRC Senior Health Policy Advocate Seth Kilbourn.

The Tiahrt amendment is a radical departure from previous Congressional action on this issue and sets a dangerous precedent for many states and localities where needle exchange programs operate using local and state funds.

The District of Columbia has chosen to use its own funds to address an urgent local need. Congress should not encroach on the ability of any state or locality to implement successful programs to prevent the transmission of HIV.

"We will work tirelessly during the months ahead to defeat both of these amendments in conference," said Stachelberg.

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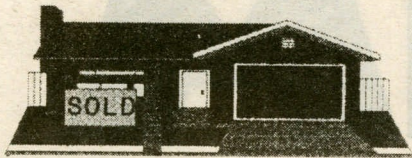


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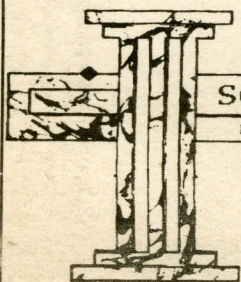


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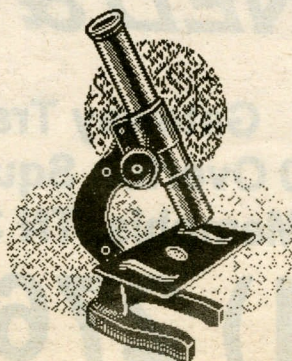
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HRC Asserts Christian Coalition Breaking Hawaiian Fund-Raising Laws in Anti-Gay Campaign

WASHINGTON — Protect Our Constitution and Protect Our Constitution/Human Rights Campaign, the two groups fighting the anti-gay ballot measure in Hawaii, have filed a formal complaint July 30 with the Campaign Spending Commission.

The groups charge that the Christian Coalition and its local affiliate, the Hawaii Christian Coalition, are blatantly flouting Hawaii campaign spending laws.

"The Christian Coalition is not above the law and has no special right to ignore Hawaii's rules on campaign spending. The citizens of Hawaii ought to be concerned when religious activist groups, like the Christian Coalition, believe they can brazenly disregard laws in their effort to impose their narrow views on Hawaii citizens," said HRC Communications Director and Senior Strategist David M. Smith.

The state legislature has placed a question on the ballot for the November election, to determine whether the Hawaii constitution should be amended to grant the legislature the power to limit marriages to opposite sex couples. This has brought in a flood of religious political activist groups who want to export intolerance into Hawaii.

Under the Hawaii campaign spending law, any group which raises more than \$1,000 in support of a ballot question must register and file reports with the Campaign Spending Commission.

Neither the Christian Coalition nor the Hawaii Christian Coalition, have registered. Yet, these groups have embarked on a full-fledged electronic fund-raising appeal with explicit instructions on how to give money by credit card.

The Christian Coalition is even electronically soliciting cash from overseas to help raise the \$1.5 million they believe is needed to buy this referendum. Posted on the Hawaii Christian Coalition website, in boldface type it says, "Foreign Checks Also Accepted."

"If past pro-discrimination campaigns are any indication, this end-around by the right could be the first of many unscrupulous tactics and tricks we may see between now and November," said Smith.

The complaint was filed by Protect Our Constitution Campaign Manager Jackie Young and Smith, Protect Our Constitution/Human Rights Campaign's representative.

"Today's complaint asked that the Commission declare the Christian Coalition and Christian Coalition Hawaii in violation of the law,

compel them to register, and impose all appropriate penalties under the law. These groups need to learn that in Hawaii, there are consequences for those who do not

play by the rules," said Young.

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Christian Groups Plan to Run Anti-Gay Ad in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Christian groups are bringing their national anti-Gay advertising campaign to San Francisco's Sunday newspaper, causing concern in the city's large Gay and Lesbian community.

Fifteen Christian groups paid \$35,000 to buy the ad, which will be published in a section of the Sunday paper prepared by the *San Francisco Examiner*. The Sunday paper also contains sections produced by the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The full-page ad suggests that Gay men and Lesbians can change their sexual orientation if they pray and get help from "ex-Gay ministries," groups of people who say they once were Gay but became heterosexual.

It is one of four such ads that the groups have placed in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today* and other papers over the

last few weeks.

Some members of San Francisco's Gay community considered running an opposing ad in the same section, which is what other groups have done in other cities. Some said the ads were distasteful, but said First Amendment rights come first.

The Christian groups, led by Janet Folger of the Florida-based Center for Reclaiming America, first approached the *San Francisco Chronicle* — which rejected the ad.

"We reviewed it, and we had several concerns about the ad and made the decision that we were not going to run it," *Chronicle* Publisher John B. Sias said.

The San Francisco Newspaper Agency, which sells advertising for both the *Chronicle* and *Examiner* under a joint operating agreement, suggested the ad could run in the Sunday news sections, which are produced by the *Examiner*.

Examiner Publisher Lee J.

Guittar accepted the ad.

"We do not like to censor ads or suppress the free flow of information," Guittar said. "This is an issue up to debate. The *Examiner's* position is that we don't agree with the philosophy this organization is espousing. We believe they have the right to express their opinion."

The newspaper will also print an editorial that will challenge the ad.

Examiner Executive Editor Phil Bronstein said running the ad was a business decision and had nothing to do with the newspaper's commitment to coverage of Gay and Lesbian issues.

"It is also our responsibility to cover the controversy over these ads, which we are doing," Bronstein said, "and to deal with the deeper issues the ads raise, about claims made in the ads, and about the obviously contradictory views people hold."

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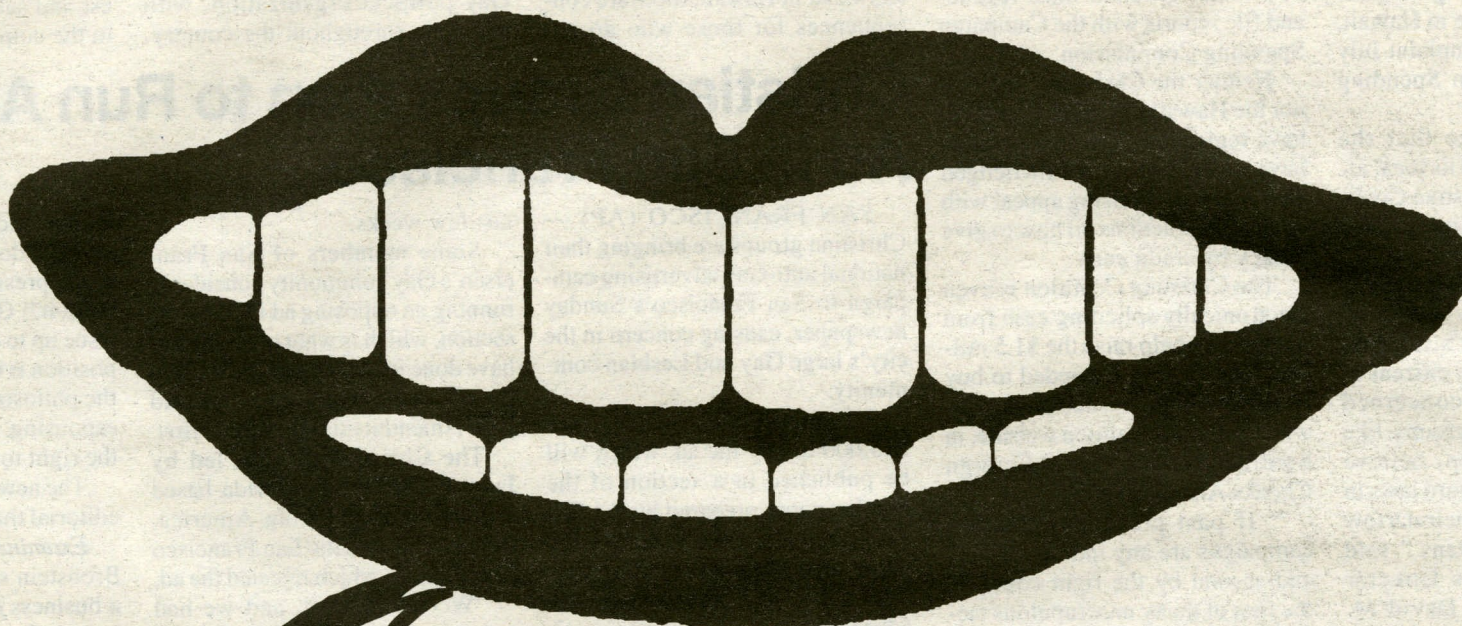
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Licensed to Kill: A Story Worth Telling

by Ira L. King
Staff Writer

"We've never had a queer rally before and we don't want one in our town." "It pisses me off to see one man holding another man's hand." "I don't believe there's anything in our Constitution that gives anybody any rights to be accepted." "Homosexuals make themselves easy targets." "We had it imbedded in our hearts that homosexuals are weak." "The bullet I fired killed him. I didn't mean to take his life." "If I get off death row, great. If not, they're doing me a favor." "We was really, really drunk." "Sometimes people need to be dragged out of the closet." "Religion is a vicious thing." "We must defeat militant homosexuality or it will defeat us." "I told my mother to take my brother and get him layed. I don't want him turning into a faggot." "I have no opinion about homosexuals except that they all ought to be taken care of." "I don't even think police should kill people."

The statements above are from the documentary *Licensed to Kill*. This public television *Point of View* presentation aired on Channel 10, Tues., Aug. 11. In it independent filmmaker Arlier Dong searched the hearts, minds and souls of seven men who murdered Gay men. The

film, a winner of two top awards at the 1997 Sundance Film Festival, was locally underwritten on Channel 10 by Memphis Pride, Inc.

Viewing the documentary, one could not help but be moved to tears and shame by the graphic violence inflicted on these innocent victims simply because of their sexual orientation. In a world where we would like to think such behavior does not exist, we are poignantly reminded of man's inhumanity to man. This was not a documentary for the squeamish or faint of heart.

As each inmate was interviewed, a litany of narrow-minded, ignorant and downright stupid statements spewed forth. Men who were brought up to hate anything that wasn't white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant and heterosexual were speaking their special brand of hatred. As they were being interviewed, pictures of their victims were shown. These were not pretty pictures. Young lives, unfulfilled lives, lying in pools of blood. Their bodies beaten unrecognizable, their battered faces displaying the horror and fear they experienced as

they were helpless to defend themselves.

No, these hate crimes did not happen 15 or 20 years ago. These were all crimes of the 90s. The inmates were products of a culture where sexual tolerance is extended only to the heterosexual. Gay men, Lesbians, transsexuals, bisexuals, etc. have no place in their society.

Of particular interest was one inmate of biracial parentage whose father was a minister. The inmate admitted to having had homosexual experiences himself. He said that even though he

has homosexual tendencies still, the thought of homosexuality being an abomination and a sin is always in his mind. He had a lot of internal, intellectual conflict going on. He was obviously well-educated and knew the difference between right and wrong. He killed nonetheless.

The other inmates, five white and one Black, were basically uneducated and the victims of a closed mind and an amoral heart. All spoke poor English and reflected lower class values. The scary part of it all is that there are millions more like them walking

the streets. None of us is safe from their loathing and any of us could become their next victim.

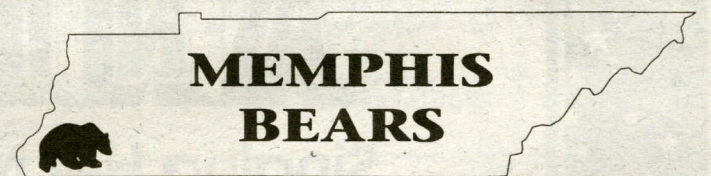
This documentary deserves to be shown on network television in prime time. It should be a part of every high school curriculum. It should be shown in churches and synagogues. *Licensed to Kill* is a wake-up call to our nation. It's telling us that ours is a nation rabid with homophobia. It's telling us that sexual bigotry knows no racial, socioeconomic, political, ethnic or cultural bounds. It's telling us that the civil rights of Gay and Lesbian people are being taken for granted and that it seems nobody cares.

The Gay-rights movement is the civil rights movement of the 1990s.

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It is true that hate crimes based on sexual orientation are on the increase. It is true that many refuse to see Gay-bashing and the senseless murdering of homosexuals in the same light as the civil rights crimes of the 1960s. What a pity. The truth is, whether a person is murdered for being Black or being homosexual, either way, he's just as dead.

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Ex-worker Sues Yankees Claiming Gay-bashing, AIDS Discrimination

NEW YORK (AP) — A former New York Yankees clubhouse worker charges he was the target of Gay-bashing by players and that the team fired him because he has the AIDS virus.

The lawsuit of Paul Priore, 34, charges that Yankees relief pitchers Mariano Rivera and Jeff Nelson, and former reliever Bob Wickman, made anti-Gay remarks and played cruel pranks on the equipment worker.

He claims the players threatened "to perform assaultive and sexual acts" on him between April and July 1996. At one point, Nelson and Wickman allegedly waved a baseball bat at Priore and threatened him, the lawsuit charges.

"I've never heard anything like that," Nelson told the *Daily News*. "Nobody did it. ... It's sad. I guess nowadays you can sue for anything."

Rivera declined comment.

Priore, who reportedly worked for the team since 1990, was fired in August 1997 after being accused of theft. He was supervised by his father, longtime Equipment Manager Nick Priore, who himself was fired by the Yankees late last year.

"I don't want to talk about it," Nick Priore told the *New York Post*. Paul Priore was not at home, his father added.

The lawsuit also accuses two

team executives, General Manager Brian Cashman and Major League Administrator Thomas May, of ignoring the alleged abuse and falsely charging Priore with stealing team

uniforms. Cashman was an assistant general manager at the time.

Yankees spokesman Rick Cerrone called the suit "ludicrous and meritless."

"Our normal policy would be not to comment on any pending litigation," he said. "But this is so baseless that it doesn't even merit adhering to that policy."

Wickman, now with the Milwaukee Brewers, was with his team in Cincinnati and not immediately available to comment.

McDonald's Applicant Wants Settlement in Gay Bias Claim

KILLINGLY, Conn. (AP) — A local man has filed a complaint against McDonald's, claiming he was denied a job at the fast food restaurant because he is Gay.

The state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities told Joseph Nichols they will investigate his allegations, and the 18-year-old is waiting to hear if the restaurant will settle the case. A commission spokeswoman declined comment because it is pending.

According to Nichols' complaint, he applied for a job at the McDonald's in nearby Brooklyn in May. At the end of the interview, he recommended his boyfriend, Trevor Clark, 21, for a job at the restaurant.

The two men had moved to Connecticut from Massachusetts, where Nichols worked at a McDonald's in West Boylston.

Two days after the interview, Nichols inquired about the job. He was told he couldn't be hired, despite a recommendation from the

West Boylston restaurant, the complaint said. Nichols said the interviewer first told him it was because he is Gay, then said the restaurant didn't hire former McDonald's employees.

McDonald's has denied the al-

legations and has asked for the case to be thrown out.

Nichols said Aug. 10 he will settle for the full-time crew manager position he wanted and the \$3,000 in pay he would have received if he got the \$6.50-an-hour

job three months ago.

Nichols said he expects to hear by Wednesday if McDonald's will settle the case.

"I'm not working and I want to work," Nichols said. "I'm finding it very frustrating."

Anti-Gay Firefighter Sues over Job Firing, Seeks Order to Reinstate Him

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A firefighter who was suspended once for distributing anti-Gay material at the fire station and again for issuing a news release critical of the chief has filed suit claiming his free speech rights were violated.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court Aug. 5 by Ron Greer came in response to his firing July 31 for distributing the critical press release in 1997. He had been on suspension since the incident.

Greer also seeks a temporary restraining order for an immediate

return to duty pending the outcome of the lawsuit, said Mike Maxwell, the manager of Greer's campaign for the Republican nomination for Congress.

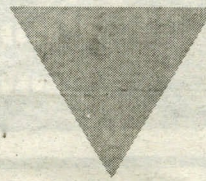
Greer claims the firing violated his rights to free speech and due process.

The firing came a year after Greer was suspended for issuing the release criticizing Chief Debra Amesqua and alleging a cover-up of an assault during training activities.

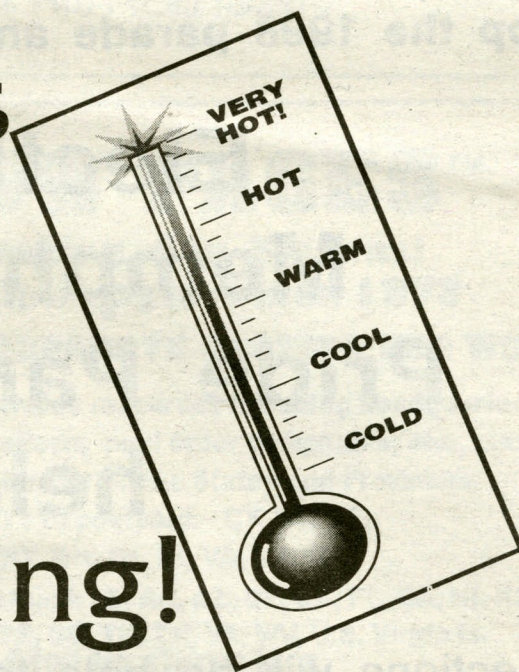
The lawsuit names Amesqua,

the fire department, and the Madison Police and Fire Commission as defendants.

Greer was suspended another time in 1997 for distributing anti-Gay material at a fire station. He filed a similar free speech lawsuit over that suspension.



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The three one-acts that make up *Safe Sex* are "Manny and Jake," which brings two men together to discuss the effects of the crisis on their lives. One longs for the emotional security of sex and the other takes the disease as matter of fact, but also tends to lessen the severity when wanting just "sex."

"Safe Sex" which is the second show of the evening presents an es-

tranged couple who have decided to give it another go. Their balancing act of safety measures and passion to make the other see the other's point of view displays dark comedy and haunting realizations.

The third piece, "On Tidy Endings," invites the audience into the lives of Marion and Arthur. The ex wife and ex-lover of a recently deceased man. The two characters confront each other with anger and resentment over what is rightfully theirs, be it material or emotional, only to find peace of mind and closure when accepting each other's loss.

Den-Nickolas Smith is the

founder of Emerald Theatre Company. Hal Harmon is Co-Artistic director. The two have performed and worked together since the inception of ETC. Future shows include the autobiographical drama *Black and White Are Neutrals* written by Harmon; *Survival*, a new comedy written by Smith; and *Love, Valor, Passion* by Terrance McNally.

At Theatreworks, 2085 Monroe Ave. (behind Overton Square), Sept. 18-20 and 25-27 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$8.00, students: \$5.00 with valid ID

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Redbirds Host MGLCC

On Sat., Aug. 22 the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center went to a Memphis Redbirds game. About 40 tickets were pre-sold and a good cross section of the community sat together and enjoyed the game.

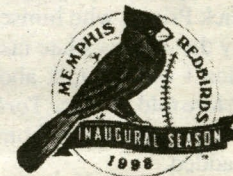
According to Mark Jones, MGLCC president, "There are two key positive points that should be made from this event.

"1) The Memphis Redbirds treated MGLCC as just another group attending the game. The Red-

birds staff was incredibly supportive and generous with their time and promotional material. Hopefully other big businesses in the Memphis area will start to realize that Gay and Lesbian groups have money and deserve to be treated just like everyone else.

"2) Sports and sporting events provide a wonderful opportunity for Gays and Lesbians in the Memphis area to meet, compete and develop fellowship with one another. Whether it be softball, bowling or

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Only members of Memphis Pride Inc., in good standing may vote. **Elections will be held at 2701 Union Ext., office 504 at 7pm. Come to the Meeting on the 21 and get involved with Pride!!**

Anti-Gay Vote at Anglican Lambeth Conference Leaves Some Feeling "Gutted and Lynched"

In the aftermath of the anti-Gay/Lesbian vote of Anglican bishops, at their Lambeth Conference, there is anger, rejection, defiance, networking, mourning, organizing, and that "gutted and lynched feeling."

The lasting image of the now concluded global Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops will likely prove to be the confrontation between Nigerian Bishop Enugi Emmanuel Chukwuma and Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement leader Rev. Richard Kirker, the larger Black African shaking his finger in the face of the small white Briton, admonishing him to repent and return to a more traditional Christianity — like the one the British imposed on their empire in another era.

That the growing Third World Anglican movements, especially in Africa, numerically and otherwise dominated the diminishing Anglican establishments of white Western countries was a key first for this conference. That new Third World majority declared from the depths of their experience that anything less than a condemnation of homosexuality would be "evangelical suicide" for them.

A number of liberal bishops who were largely silent in debate as the conference overwhelmingly rejected homosexual acts in any contexts as "incompatible with Scripture," are speaking out strongly in the aftermath, some in anger, others with simple assurances that nothing will change when they return home.

Gay and Lesbian Anglicans, disappointed in their hopes for recognition of their committed relationships and for ordination without celibacy, have developed a new global network of their own. Rev. Mel White of the Gay-affirming Universal Fellowship of Met-

ropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) declared Aug. 9 as a day of mourning for all people of faith.

In the hours before the Aug. 5 vote, it was Chukwuma who confronted Kirker, screaming at him for his sin. At one point he forced his hands on to Kirker's head and attempted to "cast out the demons of homosexuality" from him in an act Kirker later described as "spiritual bullying," but answered gently at the time saying, "May God bless you and deliver you from your prejudice against human creation."

As Chukwuma thundered at Kirker, there was a moment poignant with the possibility of connection when Kirker revealed that he had been born in Nigeria and lived there for his first 18 years. Chukwuma for the first time seemed ready to listen — but that ended abruptly when Kirker added, "The first person I ever had sex with was another Nigeria boy when I was 16."

"You brought it in!" cried the bishop, apparently basing his comment on the discredited belief that the "white man's disease" of homosexuality was unknown in African culture before European colonization.

But the angriest liberal, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and Bishop of Edinburgh Richard Holloway, blames the anti-Gay elements of the conference statement about homosexuality not on the Africans, but on U.S. conservatives.

He said, "There was a lot of American money from a very traditionalist diocese, and a lot of entertaining of bishops from [the developing countries]. What they have done is, having failed in their own church at home, they have hired the opposition from abroad. This is a substantial and worrying

trend that ought to be noted."

Others also remarked on the ways in which the conference resembled more a political than a religious gathering, as conservatives organized strategically in a way which liberals were not prepared to answer.

Holloway described the African

bishops' Christianity as "Islamified," saying that living in Islamic countries, their religion had become "more severe, Protestant and legalistic."

"I can now understand how it feels for Gay and Lesbian people to be on the edge of this kind of virulent homophobia," Holloway

said, variously describing his experience of the sexuality debate as feeling "gutted" and "lynched."

He called Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. George Carey's leadership "pathetic." Holloway promised that the Episcopal Church of Scotland would remain "hospitable" to Gays and Lesbians.



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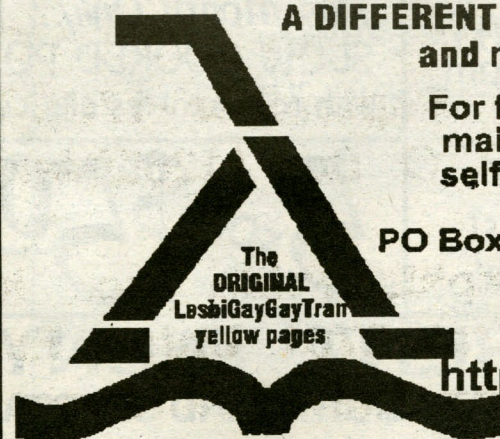
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Conversion Therapy: Nothing but Religious Quackery!

by Ira L. King
Staff Writer

The pictures on the cover of the August 4th edition of *USA Today* were of two very happy couples. The first couple, one male and one female, are pictured holding their 19-month-old son. They call themselves "ex-Gays." The second couple is two males who have been partners for seven years. You have to give credit to *USA Today*, when they present a story — they are very good at featur-

ing both sides. (The quotes in this story were taken from that *USA Today* edition. The commentary is that of the author.)

The wife in the first couple is described as "wife, mother, former Lesbian" — and claims that God's love "can set you free" from "sexual sin." (Translation: God can turn you from homosexual to heterosexual. This is apparently what He has done for her and her husband. Both are products of "conversion therapy." Such therapy is practiced in groups like Exodus International and Love In Ac-

tion (headquartered here in Memphis).

Conversion is coming under fire by practicing psychologists. Caltlin Ryan, a Washington D.C. social worker, is worried that ads such as those that ran in *USA Today* in July will encourage parents to push adolescents into therapy. Many parents, she says, already "push Gay youths into heterosexual experiences, thinking if they have heterosexual sex or have a boyfriend or a girlfriend, then they won't be Gay anymore."

"Conversion ministries also hurt families because they tell people that their homosexuality was caused by early trauma or emotional neglect, Doug Upchurch says. Upchurch is a Houston male who runs a Web site for "ex-ex-Gays" like himself, people who have tried conversion therapy, but now lead Gay lives. "One of the first things you learn is that it's your parents' fault that you're Gay," something mainstream therapists have long ceased to believe, he says. "These groups tear families apart."

While parents of young Gays are seeking "help" for their children, they should listen to the words of Joe Dallas, a graduate of Exodus International who

runs Genesis Counseling in Orange, CA. He says "suggesting therapy to

their sons and daughters will probably backfire. Conversion therapy has a chance of succeeding only when people are deeply committed to it."

The mental health community (which includes sociologists and psychologists) is overwhelmingly on the side of those who say homosexuality is not a sickness or a choice that can or should be changed. Although some psychiatrists still offer treatment for homosexuality, the American Psychiatric Association says that there's no evidence such therapy works and that it may do more harm than good.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says that, while some teens who are uncertain about their sexual orientation might benefit from therapy, therapy designed to choose "since it can provoke guilt and anxiety" holds little or no potential for

success.

Conversion groups admit that they look for roots of homosexuality in troubled families or early abuse. They cannot believe (or refuse to believe) that anyone is born with a same-sex orientation.

They assume that anyone with a same-sex attraction is out of fellowship with God. They want to make choices for everyone. Groups like The Moral Majority, Exodus International, Love In Action, etc., do not help. These groups are usually filled with self-serving, Bible-thumping, narrow-minded know-nothings whose purpose in life is to make others miserable. They decide what is sin and what is not. They decide whom God loves and whom He doesn't. They play judge and jury for the rest of the world. They also pay for those Gay-bashing ads.

"What we are not hearing about in these ads are the stories of people who have killed themselves because they couldn't change," says Upchurch.

One of the facts those practicing conversion therapy do not tell you is that most of the staff in their offices are not qualified to act as guidance counselors for those with sexual orientation issues. Most are church members whose only qualification is that they are born-again Christians with a very definite, albeit very fixed, view of the world and the people in it. There are very few with degrees in psychology, sociology, medicine, etc. This makes them, at best, sanctimonious sexual bigots, quacks, and hardly qualifies them to be dealing with the psyches of confused youth and adults struggling to understand who and what they are.

It is no secret that bigotry is alive and well in America. It is no secret that much of that bigotry is perpetuated by mainline churches. It is no secret that sexual orientation is a personal and private matter. It is no secret that the mainline churches need to worry more about how they are going to answer to God for their ill treatment of homosexuals and less about personal sexual orientation. The commandment to love one another as Christ loves us has no caveats. If we are bold enough to call ourselves Christians, then we do not have the freedom or the luxury to pick and choose who to love.

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Trail-blazing Gay Paper Folds After 22 Years

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A Gay and Lesbian newspaper that began as a few mimeographed pages with handwritten headlines and grew into a computer-designed national publication is folding after 22 years.

The last issue of *Our Own Community Press* was distributed Aug. 18, leaving Hampton Roads with a single Gay-interest newspaper, *Out & About*.

Kirk Read, editor of *Our Own*, said the newspaper was built by indefatigable volunteers who saw themselves on the front lines of a civil rights struggle. But in recent years, the passion has faded.

"Apathy is not good for growth," Read said. "There is not that feeling now that people are storming the barricades by putting together a newspaper."

Also, mainstream media now cover Gay and Lesbian issues, and

more people have access to information on the Internet.

Current and former staffers gathered Aug. 15 to put together the last, abbreviated edition — eight pages, much of it a retrospective of the paper's more than 250 editions.

"I'm struck by the spirit of that early newspaper, the people who put it out and their bravery," Read said. "It was their life, but many couldn't even use their last names at the time."

News of the paper's demise came as a surprise in a community that came to rely on the publication.

"It's like losing a friend, and I've had that happen too many times," said Mark Powers, 43, of Virginia Beach. "It's been part of my life for so long, I just take it for granted it will always be there."

The editor of *Out & About*, who

goes by the pen name Harry King, said he was stunned by the news.

Our Own "did a lot of trail blazing," he said. "Particularly in the beginning, it filled a big need in the (Gay) community. ... It was a rallying point for a long time when there were only two or three Gay

bars and no one else would say they were Gay."

Our Own, distributed monthly to about 12,500 people nationwide, provided news, commentary, classified advertising and a large resource directory.

Out & About, with a statewide

circulation of about 12,000, is more socially oriented, featuring coverage of Gay night life, entertainment and sports. King said he does not expect to significantly change *Out & About* to fill the void left by *Our Own*.

Jenny Jones Case Delayed by Fieger Campaign

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Geoffrey Fieger's campaign for governor could delay a \$50 million wrongful death suit against talk show host Jenny Jones.

Fieger is representing the family of Scott Amedure, a Gay man murdered by a fellow guest days after they appeared on Jones' show.

The civil trial was set for Sept. 14 before Oakland County Circuit Judge Gene Schnelz. But attorneys for both sides say there is a tentative agreement to postpone the case until after the November general election.

"Right now, in the middle of the campaign, I don't think it would be fair for either side," Fieger told the *Detroit Free Press*.

Amedure revealed that he was

attracted to Jonathan Schmitz, a heterosexual, on the Jenny Jones talk show. Schmitz went to Chicago for the show thinking a woman was going to reveal a secret crush.

When the two returned to Michigan, Schmitz shot and killed Amedure at his Orion Township mobile home. He later told police he was humiliated by the surprise on-camera announcement.

He was convicted in 1996 of second-degree murder and is serving a 25- to 50-year sentence.

Amedure's family says Jones helped contribute to Amedure's death by playing on Schmitz's emotions. They are suing Jones, her show, Warner Bros. and Telepictures.

Managing Director of Gay Games Dismissed for Overspending

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — The managing director of the 1998 Gay Games was fired for overspending just after the Olympics-style event began.

The board of directors for the quadrennial homosexual sports and cultural festival issued a statement Aug. 3, saying it had "revoked the mandate" of Dutchman Marc Janssens on Sunday, the day after the opening ceremonies.

"The reason is that Mr. Janssens made commitments outside the approved budget, commitments that were also bigger than his authority," the statement said. It did not elaborate.

"We have no overview of the complete situation," said Games spokesman Paul van Yperen, adding the directors are still investigating the extent of the financial problem.

The Gay Games, which began on Aug. 1 and ran through Aug. 8, expected to attract 15,000 participants and 200,000 visitors from 66 countries.

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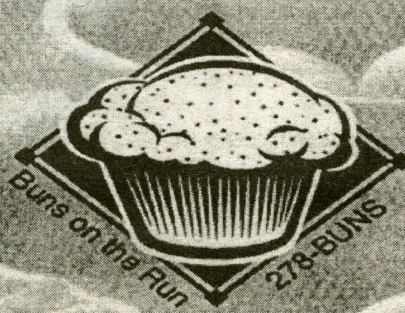
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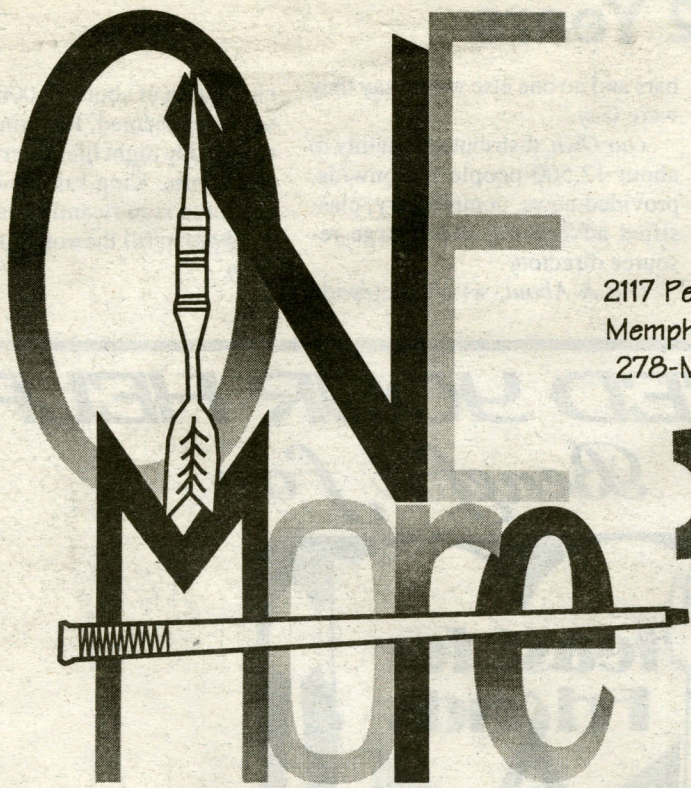
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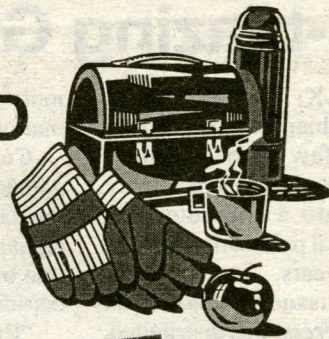
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Farewell To Meristem

by Vincent Astor

Hundreds of friends turned out on Fri., Aug. 14, to give Meristem Books and Gifts a proper sendoff. Founders Audrey May and Vickie Scarborough were present and the line of patrons, laden with sale merchandise, extended from the cash register to the rear of the store. The line continued until closing that evening, and the well-wishers spilled onto the sidewalk and reminisced until the store closed.

Meristem has been a focal point for the women's and Gay and Lesbian communities since opening in 1990. Any community event was able to leave information about (and frequently tickets to) special events. Staff was always happy to assist in promotion and ticket sales for these events. This added to the carefully nurtured community support which was a hallmark of Meristem. For visitors, male and female, Meristem was a clearinghouse for all kinds of information.

The atmosphere that Friday was rather warm but quite jovial. A lot of visiting took place in the sometimes hourlong wait to get to the cash register. A food table was provided (luckily at the back of the line), and a



Happy faces at a sad time: Meristem staffers (L-R) Virginia Darnell, Laura Bonds, Maxine Strawder, Audrey May and Harriet Ann Buckley put in a marathon day Fri., Aug. 14, during the going-out-of-business sale-party at Gay community landmark Meristem.

cake from Buns on the Run was decorated with the store's familiar logo.

At 7 p.m. Audrey began her farewell remarks. She compared Meristem to a garden which had been planted, not only by herself and Vickie, but by many ideas and hands. Of the closing she said, "It is time to compost this garden and see what comes next." Her thanks to groups and individuals were lengthy, particularly to her family, partners and staff. "Your vision, what you have brought to Meristem

is a gift I want to give back to you, to see what comes next for all of us. Go forth and spend money!"

She also quoted a poem written for the occasion by staff member Maxine "Silverbird" Strawder. Her remarks were described as "very Audrey" by listeners. Audrey herself is now working in the LINC department of the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library and Information Center. The store will close on Aug. 30.

Pastor Greg Bullard Relocates

By Vincent Astor

Rev. Greg Bullard, pastor of Safe Harbor Metropolitan Community Church, will preach his last sermon in Memphis on Sun., Sept. 6.

He is relocating to Nashville to an MCC congregation there. He starts his secular job on Aug. 31. A farewell letter to Memphis will appear in next month's *TJN*.

Rev. Bullard has been deeply involved in activism during his stay in Memphis. He has served on the boards of Memphis Pride, Inc., and the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Religious Affairs. He also helped form and organize the Coalition for Diversity which staged an action protesting an ultra-right wing gathering at the Pyramid a couple of years ago. Under his pastorate, Safe Harbor has grown in membership and organization and now worships in the chapel of Union Ave. United Methodist Church.

At press time, a permanent successor has not been chosen. Worship services will continue as scheduled.

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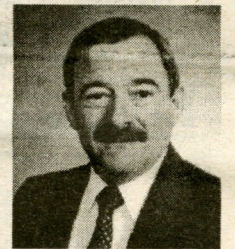
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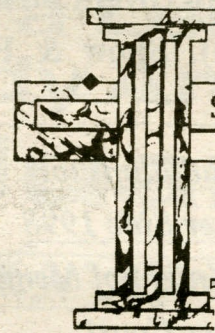
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FAMILY VALUES NIGHT

Fiction by
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The little blue car traveled across the deserted parking lot, then made an abrupt U-turn, and came to rest facing the jewelry store. It was 7 a.m., and the area was still damp from a morning shower with a slight mist hanging overhead. Beads of moisture glistened on the crape myrtle bushes that surrounded the perimeter of the shopping center.

Charlene Kramer sat in her car, fished out a cigarette from her purse, lit it, and sat looking, as she did each morning, at the store. Her store. Well, technically not her store, not yet anyway, as her father-in-law was still alive, though frail and in a nursing home.

She had come here to her husband Sheldon's hometown as a

pregnant teenage bride some thirty years ago. He had been in the Air Force, going overseas, and he wanted her with his parents as they had never been in good health. Her family was not in a position to help, and Sheldon thought she and his parents might be of help to each other while he was gone.

When her husband was killed in an accident in Germany, Charlene and her son stayed with the Kramers. She had started working in their jewelry store, gradually assuming more and more responsibilities as the Kramers health declined.

Taking another draw from the cigarette, Charlene exhaled and sat hugging the steering wheel and looking across the parking lot at the entrance of the store. Who would have thought that she, Charlene Salveeter, one of the red-headed Salveeter kids, whose father was the town drunk, would end up with her own jewelry store? She smiled—she'd been lucky. Life had been good, though the past year

had been a difficult one.

Charlene studied the brick building as she did each morning. She knew it was silly, for it had been almost two years since she had moved from the original location in the downtown area where business was dying, to this new strip center on the main highway... During the relocation she'd agonized over every detail, and all the decisions regarding the move had fallen on her. Her son, Willy, had tried to offer what help he could, but he was in Memphis, where he was a medical resident. He had his own problems.

Charlene's eyes traveled to the maroon awning over the windows of the shop, and nodded with approval. They were simple but elegant; a nice touch she thought. She carefully inspected the gold lettering of the name of the shop that was stenciled on the door: LE BIJOU BOX. She had never liked the name, as it sounded pretentious and trite to her. She had toyed briefly with changing it, but in the end had

retained it. After all, the business had been in operation for over fifty years, though three generations of Kramers, and it was established and well-regarded. Glancing at the gold letters again, she wondered if perhaps she should have used the Old English style instead of the more modern block style she had selected. She studied the lettering closer then shook her head. No, everything was fine as it was. She'd done all right.

Pulling her eyes away, Charlene got out of the car and walked to the store, bending over to pick up the newspaper lying on the ground in front of the door. Entering the shop, she turned the alarm system off, and the air conditioning up and made a mental note that the geraniums in the urns on either side of the door needed to be watered. Taking the paper and her purse with her to the desk in the backroom, she fixed herself a cup of instant coffee in the small kitchenette she maintained there, then, taking her coffee cup she sat down at the desk, opened the paper, and started flipping through it, looking for her weekly ad. Not finding it at first, she started over from the front, slower this time, going over each page, column by column. Then on the third page, she saw it—an advertisement for a religious revival that was coming to the auditorium with its message of "OLD TIME FAMILY VALUES." The name of

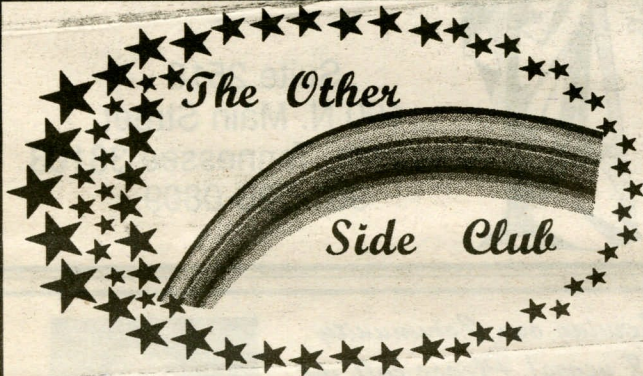
the minister conducting the event caught her eye and suddenly her hand trembled. She dropped the coffee cup, and it shattered on the oak flooring.

"Why? After all this time? Why here of all places? Who in the world would have thought he would become a minister like his father?" She reached for another cigarette and lit it with quivering hands.

The Reverend Billy Bob Tutwilder, Jr. stirred slightly in his sleep, then reached for the watch lying on the motel nightstand. It was 4 a.m. He had been dreaming of the new diamond ring that he was wanting.

He wanted one that could be seen from the audience when he was preaching, especially now that he was about to appear on national television. Billy Bob had been here in Tupelo, Mississippi, conducting a revival and it had been going well. He decided not to return to bed, but rose and put his silk robe on, sat down and started thumbing through the Yellow Pages under "Jewelry." He was looking for some classy-sounding shop when he saw a listing which read:

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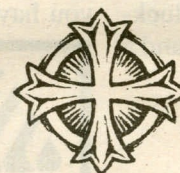
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of the name. It was ritzy sounding, so he jotted down the name and the number on a scratch pad. Then he showered, dressed in a new suit, strapped on his Rolex wristwatch, and donned his old diamond ring. He had a full day ahead of him. There were plans for the upcoming TV special and a training session with the ushers to brief them on ways to elicit greater response from the audience, as well as encouraging sales of cassette tapes and autographed books. He also had to interview new singers to replace the little blonde soprano who was getting way too possessive.

He thought about the ring all day, but it was almost 3:30 before he got a chance to call the jewelry shop. After two rings, a clear, feminine voice answered, "Le Bijou Box, Fine Jewelry. May I help?"

Billy Bob was taken with the polished tone. "This is the Reverend Billy Bob Tutwilder, Jr. I would like to make an appointment about having a ring designed."

There was a pause and a sort of gasp of recognition. It seemed that she knew him. Billy Bob thought, and smiled, pleased at the power of the media. He was, after all, getting to be well-known and he liked that.

The pause continued, and then finally the woman on the other end said. "Yes, Reverend Tutwilder. Would it be possible for you to come by today after 5? We could go over what you have in mind after closing."

"I'll be there," Billy Bob said. He forgot to ask her name, but he could certainly remember that distinctive voice, and she obviously knew him.

Billy Bob located the store with a minimum of effort. He parked his car, walked up, and looked in the window, saw no one and entered. He was immediately struck by the expanse of the dove-gray wall-to-wall carpeting, the crystal chandeliers, and the large glass and chrome showcases.

A tall woman with titian hair piled high on her head came from the back of the shop. She wore a form-fitting dark sheath dress,

adorned with a peacock pin on the left shoulder. Billy Bob noticed that the pin seemed to be the real thing, none of that costume stuff for this woman. She had class.

"Hello, Reverend Tutwilder. I'm Mrs. Kramer." The woman smiled and extended her hand. Then having greeted him, she stood staring at him as if she expected him to say something. Should he know her? Hell, he met so many people in his travels.

Finally, she spoke, "Just give me a minute so I can lock up, and we can go in the back and discuss what you have in mind. I've laid out some designs for you to look through." She turned and said over her shoulder. "Just go ahead and glance through the sketches there on the table."

She walked away, and Billy Bob admired the view. Nice legs and ass, he thought, though he had always been a chest man himself. Lungs is what he had called breasts in high school. There, he had dated Patti Lou Corney, a little blonde cheerleader, and man, was she something! This woman was all right in the lung department, though she was about his age, and he liked them young. But, then again, maybe a change of pace would be fun.

The woman returned and Billy Bob followed her to the back, where she handed him more sketches of ring mountings. "Now, this is nice" she said pointing to one. "It can be done either in a nugget or a smooth finish."

Billy Bob dismissed the designs with a wave of his hand and launched into what he had in mind. He said he wanted a ring that covered his knuckle and one that could be seen from the audience. It had to be damn showy, he said. As he scratched out some of his idea on a piece of paper. When he finished, the woman sank slowly to her chair, her eyes opened wide in astonishment. She's impressed, he thought, really impressed.

"Now, of course, if you're not up to this task, jusy say so," he said watching her closely. I know it's a job,, and one that I expect to be done right. Money is no object. Just let me know if you can handle it." Billy Bob said.

"Well, I'm sure I can come up with something to your satisfaction—if you are positive this is

what you want."

Billy Bob nodded. Sitting down across from her, he maneuvered his knee next to hers under the table, and flashed her his most engaging smile.

Finally, the woman reached out, took his hand, held it, looked at him, and said, "Billy Bob, you don't recognize me, do you?"

"Well, you do sort of look familiar, but, you know, I meet so

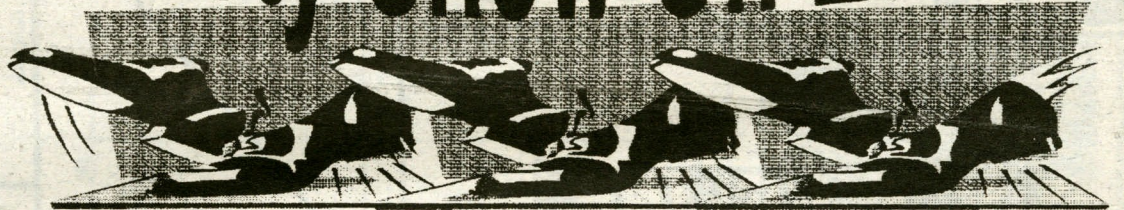
many people. Maybe you've been to some of my services."

The woman laughed, dropped his hand, and pulled her knee away from his. "Have I really changed that much? I'm Charlene. Charlene Salveeter from high school. It's been a long time. How many years now? No, don't tell me. I don't want to know."

Charlene Salveeter! He should have known her. Well, they really

had something going there for a while in school when they used to slip out of sixth period study hall and go to the old rock quarry in the broad daylight. Who would have thought that old Charley Salveeter would have a daughter who looked like this? The Salveeters had been a trashy bunch who lived down an old dirt road in a rundown house in the middle of a yard littered with
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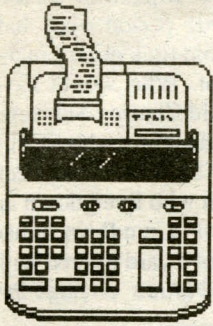
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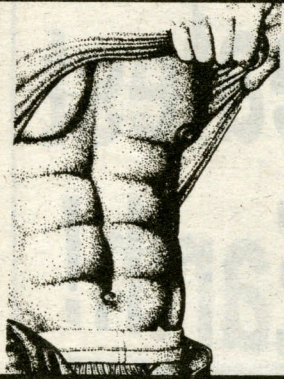
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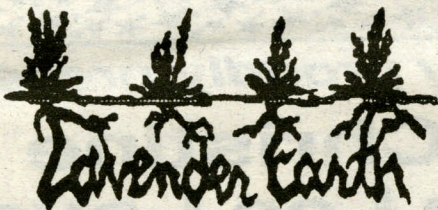
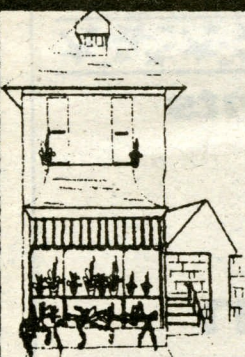
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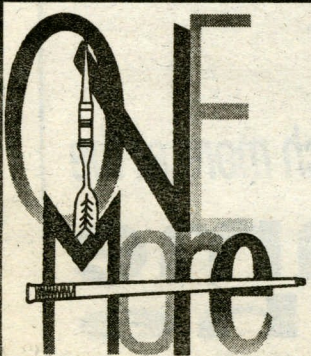
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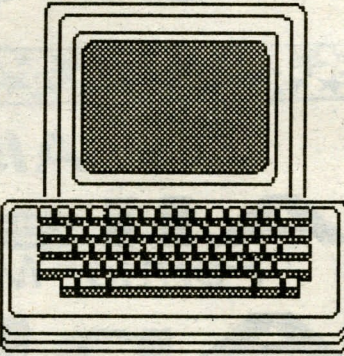
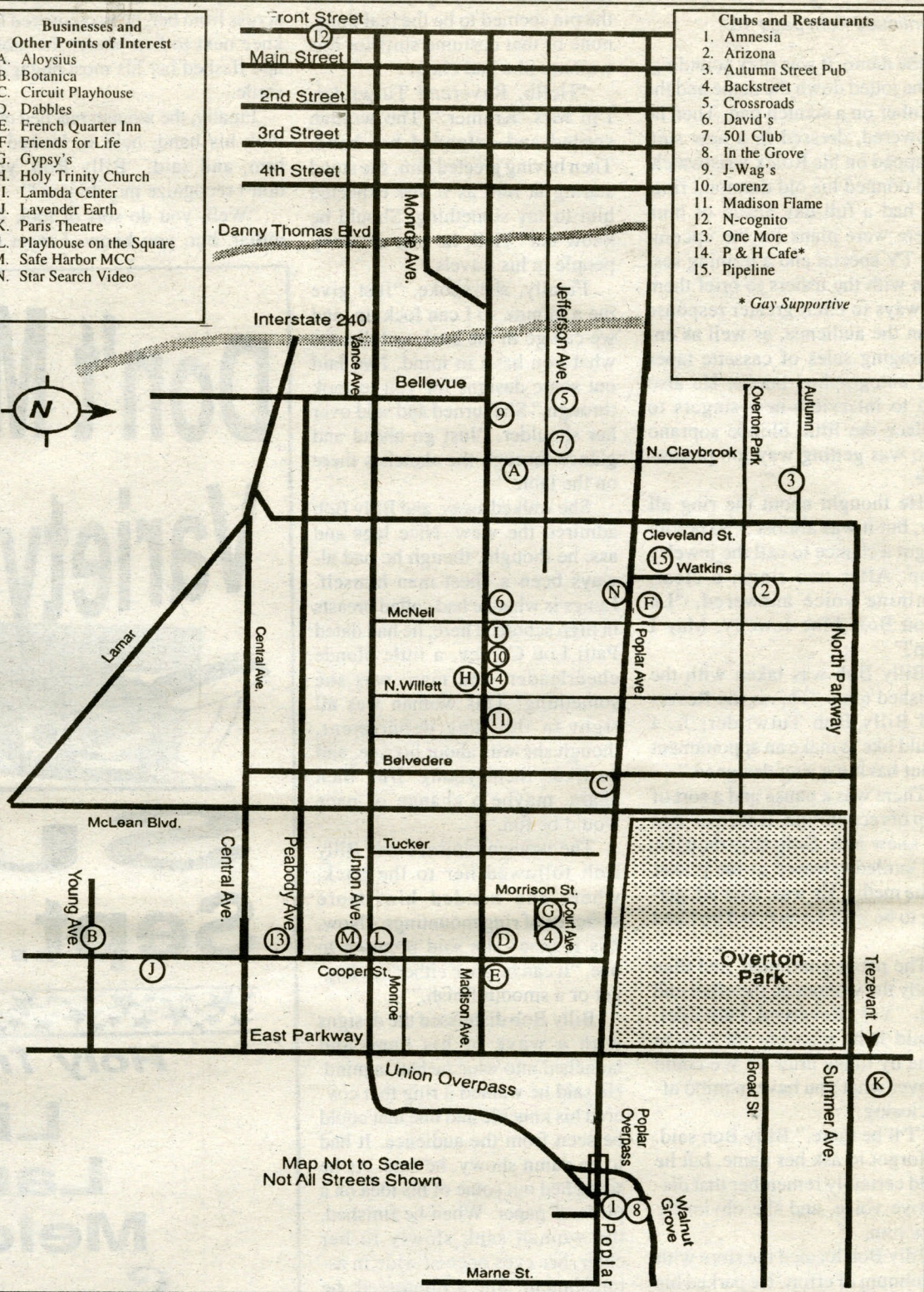


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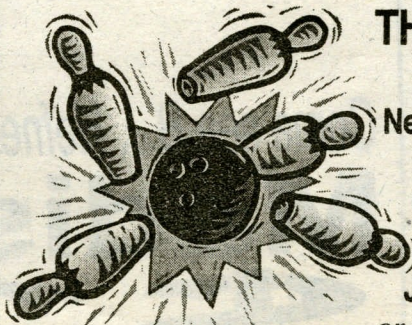


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North Carolina Supreme Court Takes Custody of Sons from Gay Father

NEW YORK — The North Carolina Supreme Court July 30 overturned an appeals court and reinstated a ruling that revoked a Gay father's custody of his two sons solely because of his relationship with his male partner, said Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The ruling means that Fred Smith, a Henderson County, N.C., resident, will not regain primary custody of the boys he raised from birth up until his ex-wife uprooted them with a change of custody in 1995. She argued that, despite all evidence that the children were thriving in their father's care, Smith's sexual orientation and her recent remarriage warranted a change in custody.

Lambda and North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Attorneys (NC GALA) represent Smith.

"The Court went to extraordinary lengths to rule against this Gay father," said Lambda Legal Director Beatrice Dohrn, expressing shock at the decision. "This ruling undermines non-Gay as well as Gay parents in unmarried relationships, no matter how proven their parenting ability. The Court has opened the door to relitigating current custody arrangements for many families in North Carolina."

Co-counsel Sharon Thompson of NC GALA said, "North Carolina has a past history of determining custody not on societal prejudice, but on the health and happiness of children. It is a terrible misfortune to Fred, his family and all North Carolina parents that anti-Gay prejudice overruled the children's experiences in this case."

Justice John Webb also disagreed with the Court, stating in his dissent, "The difficulty with the majority opinion for me is that it recites actions by the defendant which the majority considers to be distasteful, immoral or even illegal and says this evidence supports findings in fact which allow a change in custody. There is virtually no showing that these acts by the defendant have adversely affected the two children. The test should be how the action affects the children and not whether we approve of it.... I do not believe we should allow a change in custody on evidence which shows only that the defendant is a practicing homosexual."

The 5-1 ruling, with a seventh justice concurring only with the result, pointed to Smith's long-

term relationship with his domestic partner, Tim Tipton, who also helps care for the boys, as the reason for reversing an appellate ruling and supporting a trial court's order for a change of custody.

In an apparently contradictory statement, the Court said, "We do not agree with the conclusion of Justice Webb's dissent that the only basis upon which the trial court changed custody was that the defendant is a 'practicing homosexual.' Instead, we conclude that the trial court could and did order a change in custody based in part on proper findings of fact to the effect that defendant-father was regularly engaging in sexual acts with Mr. Tipton in the home while the children were present

and upon other improper conduct by these two men."

The Court also disapproved of the fact that Smith and Tipton kissed each other in the presence of the children and that, although always keeping their bedroom door closed and locked if they were having sex, the couple allowed the children into the bedroom when simply in bed together. It cited these facts in support of the decision to remove custody from Smith.

"Sadly, this decision means that two kids have been torn away from a great father only because that father is Gay," said Stephen Scarborough, staff attorney in Lambda's Southern Regional Office in Atlanta. "That's not the 'best interest standard,' at work. That's preju-

dice, pure and simple," he said.

Dohrn added, "Although professing not to, the Court applied a double standard to the Gay men in this case. Non-Gay parents are not judged negatively for showing affection in front of their children or for being honest with them. For any parents, those are healthy examples to model to children."

In October, 1996, the state Court of Appeals rejected a trial judge's decision and ordered the children's custody be restored to their father. It said that the trial court's conclusions against Smith were based on improper speculation rather than facts in evidence. But that order was stayed pending appeal by the mother, Carol Pulliam. The Supreme Court heard Pulliam v.

Smith appeal in May 14, 1997.

In 1991, Pulliam left Smith and the children, now 12 and 9, to live in Kansas with Bill Pulliam, whom she later married. After Smith's partner moved into his home in 1995, Pulliam sought the children's custody. Her challenge received support from the Family Research Council of North Carolina, which used extremist anti-Gay arguments against Smith.

Lambda, the oldest and largest Lesbian and Gay legal organization, has its national headquarters in New York City and regional offices in Atlanta, Los Angeles and Chicago. North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Attorneys is a legal organization that supports Lesbian and Gay rights throughout North Carolina.

New Poll Shows Latest Right Wing Attacks Against Gay Americans Have Severe Political Repercussions for GOP

WASHINGTON — A new poll released July 30 by the Human Rights Campaign and conducted by the polling firm Penn, Schoen and Berland shows that dire political consequences await the GOP if they continue down their current path of anti-Gay rhetoric and discriminatory legislation against Gay Americans, according to HRC.

"The vast majority of Americans are appalled by the recent anti-Gay crusade waged by the right wing. This poll shows that politicians who once thought they benefitted from attacking Gays may be in for a rude awakening in November. America has drawn a line in the sand that says that job discrimination and singling out one group of Americans is morally and politically unacceptable," said HRC Communications Director and Senior Strategist David M. Smith.

The poll results show that Americans overwhelmingly opposed the Hefley amendment, which would have reversed President Clinton's executive order banning discrimination against Gay men and women in federal employment. Sixty-four percent of Americans said they were against Congress overturning the executive order, compared to only 28 percent who supported overturning the discrimination ban.

The Hefley amendment to the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill was defeated Aug. 6.

"Members of Congress who

vote for the Hefley amendment are clearly out of touch with the American people. Those who choose to support this amendment are branding themselves with a big scarlet letter that screams, 'I am intolerant.' Our poll shows that there are grave consequences for members of Congress who align themselves with religious political extremists," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg.

Among the findings in the poll is that 75 percent of Americans believe job discrimination against Gay people should be illegal. The poll also shows that there are political consequences for Gay-bashing with 48 percent of likely voters saying that they would be "less likely" to vote for a Congress-person who voted to overturn President Clinton's ban barring job discrimination against Gays. Only 17 percent of respondents said overturning the discrimination ban would make them "more likely" to vote for their Congressperson. The poll also asked how the recent attacks on Gay Americans by the GOP affected the respondents opinion of the Republican party. Forty percent said their opinion was "less favorable." Only 18 percent said anti-Gay rhetoric made their impression of the party "more favorable."

According to the poll, Americans overwhelmingly believe the recent anti-Gay rhetoric, such as Senate Majority leader Trent Lott's comparison of Gay people to kleptomaniacs, is di-

visive. Sixty-two percent said they believe that the recent public "discussion" on the equality of Gay Americans hurts the country and fosters a climate of intolerance and hostility, while just 24 percent of say it helps the country. "Voters are perplexed by this new obsession with Gay people and are wondering when Congress will realize it is time to start focusing on real issues instead of red-meat for the Far Right," Smith said.

In an effort to appease Focus on the Family's James Dobson and his political deputy Gary Bauer, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott kicked off a wave of anti-Gay rhetoric when he recently said that homosexuality was a sin and likened Gays to alcoholics and kleptomaniacs. His comments were followed by disparaging remarks about Gay people by several public officials including Senator Don

Nickles (R-Okla.), Rep. Dick Armey (R-TX.) and Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

These attacks intensified after 15 religious political organizations embarked on a divisive ad campaign targeting Gay Americans and their family members. This orchestrated campaign of discrimination has now spread to the House where a plethora of anti-Gay legislation has been introduced. Recently, the House narrowly passed two amendments to the VA/HUD appropriations bill that have grave implications for Gay Americans. The Hilleary amendment, which passed by a vote of 231-230, would drastically cut housing funds for people with AIDS. The Riggs amendment, which passed by a vote of 214-212, would prohibit San Francisco from using VA/HUD funds to implement its city ordinance against discrimination in city contracts.

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Family Values

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old cars, dogs and kids. Charley did odd jobs, and people could never figure out how he fed his ever-increasing brood.

"Well, say something," said Charlene.

"I'm amazed." Billy Bob said "You've changed so much, and I do mean for the better."

"My name is Kramer now. I married right after I graduated from high school and came here. I was pregnant, and he was going overseas. He thought his parents could look after me while he was gone." She paused, and with pride added. "We just opened this new store. Do you like it?"

"Nice." Billy Bob said. "Say, I run into some of the old classmates every once in a while. They all ask about you." That wasn't the truth, but he wanted her to feel wanted. "You say you have a son?"

"Yes, Willy's in Memphis at the University Medical School. He does research work with opportunistic diseases. I don't get to see him often. I'm so proud of him. Say, I have an idea. Why don't we send out for some Chinese food. There's a place close that delivers, and we can eat here in the back, and talk about old times. What do you think?"

"Yes, that would be nice." Maybe he could get something going with her right here in the back of the store. The idea of that with people passing by outside excited him. In high school, he could talk her into anything he wanted, and he saw no reason why he couldn't do it again.

Billy Bob got up and looked at the framed award plaques for jewelry design hanging on the wall.

Charlene placed the order for the food on the telephone and concluded and said, "My parents are dead. My brothers and sisters are

all scattered. There is no one left around the old hometown anymore. I've never been back. There's no reason to."

"How did you learn the jewelry business?"

"Well, I picked up a lot of things by working in the store, and then Mr. and Mrs. Kramer suggested I go to New Orleans and study for my gemologist credentials. They kept Willy during the week. It was hard, but I made it."

Charlene searched through the shelves of the kitchenette and came up with an unopened package containing Christmas plates, napkins and cups. "Look what I found. I forgot I had these back here. We can have some Christmas right here in the middle of summer. It'll be fun." She opened the package and started to spread the paper cloth out on the table.

Charlene also produced a bottle of white wine from a small refrigerator. Billy Bob assumed it was expensive because it had a cork. "Bet this isn't as good as that bootleg wine you used to make out at your grandmother's place—what did you call it, Sweet Lucy?" God, was that stuff lethal!" She laughed and pulled the cork from the bottle and poured two cups, raised hers and said, "Well, Billy Bob, here's to us."

The food arrived, and Charlene served it on the Christmas plates. Billy Bob tasted his chow mein and looked over at Charlene and said, "You're a good looking woman, Charlene. How come you never remarried? The Lord never intended for woman to be alone." He moved his knee next to hers again.

"Oh, I don't know," she said, pulling away. "With Willy and going to school and trying to help in the business plus worrying about the Kramers, there just didn't seem

to be much time. I dated some, but no one I was really interested in." She got up and rummaged through her desk drawer, found a package of cigarettes, and lit one with a tiny gold lighter. Billy Bob frowned. He didn't approve of women smoking.

There was a lull in the conversation as they finished the food, and then Charlene said, "You know, I took it pretty hard when you dropped me in school."

"Oh, Charlene, that was a long time ago."

"I know, but I was crazy about you."

Yeah, thought Billy Bob, I know. I could talk her out of her panties any time of the day. All I had to do was feed her some of that Sweet Lucy wine.

Charlene pushed her plate aside and dabbed the corner of her mouth with her paper napkin and poured more wine. "Do you have children, Billy Bob?"

"I have four daughters."

Charlene started clearing the table. "Daughters are nice. I always wished I had more children."

"Well, I wanted a son. I really did, but apparently the Lord didn't have that in mind for me."

Charlene felt herself stiffened in spite of herself. "You must be very proud of your girls," she said sitting down across from him at the table. Billy Bob moved closer to her, smiled broadly, and started planning his strategy.

"Did you ever see any of my crusades?" he asked. "Or see me on television?"

"Yes, I came Wednesday night just to see you." Charlene said lighting another cigarette.

"Oh, that was Family Values Night. That always draws a big crowd, as that's when I talk about the abortion issue. Had the them going, didn't I? Did you see the

way they went wild when I came down on the sodomites?" Billy Bob leaned closer in anticipation of her reactions. Women were usually turned on by celebrities, especially those in a power position which he felt he was in. He waited and studied her face.

Charlene didn't say anything for a while, then she inhaled hard on her cigarette, took another sip of wine, leaned back, looked Billy Bob straight in the eyes, and said without emotion, "I think you are still the same bastard you were in high school. You haven't changed, or is it that I can see through you now?"

Billy Bob looked up in shock. "What?"

"Well, your stand on abortion—being so anti-choice was shocking coming from you, and you know

damn well what I'm talking about. I might have overlooked that, but then the bit about homosexuality and AIDS being God's retribution against Gays was too much. You had the crowd worked up all right, but I walked out in disgust. Everything is your way, you are right and everyone else is wrong, and if anyone disagrees with you, the hell with them."

"I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

"Probably not. It comes naturally to you and to so many other people to condemn anything you don't understand. A lot of people do that. But I don't agree. You see, my son is Gay."

"But you said he was a doctor!" Billy Bob's tone was incredulous.

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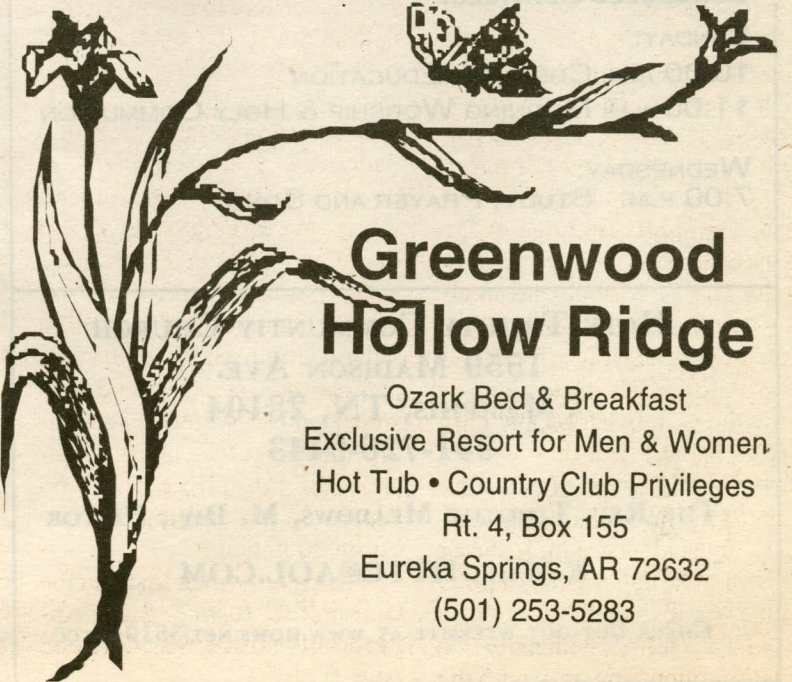
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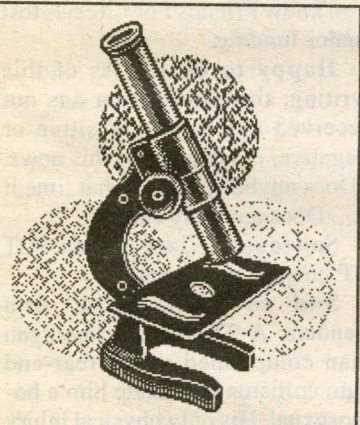
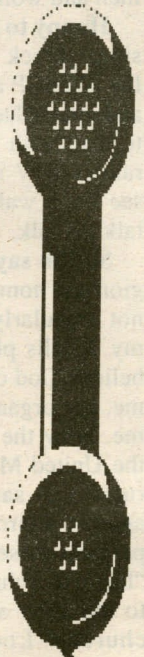
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Queer Science

by Dr. Simon LeVay
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Sad to Say, Happy to Hear

By Butch Valentine



Sad to say... As reported in the last issue of this publication, the HOPWA funding for Friends For Life has been lost (well over \$200,000), and the Ryan White funds for the agency are frozen.

Happy to hear... The infamous Scottie James and his cast of zanies recently held the Drag Olympics at Amnesia to benefit Friends For Life. The Thursday night

crowd rivaled any Saturday night crowd in terms of size and enthusiasm. Scottie, Kirby Kincade, et al. raised \$2,450, with Cat's Music pitching in another \$213. It was wild!!

Sad to say... Backstreet had inadvertently scheduled and beautifully advertised a fund-raiser for Feast For Friends the same night as the Drag Olympics.

Happy to hear... This unintentional conflict was solved when Shane Trice, owner of Backstreet, graciously offered to change the date of the Feast For Friends fund-raiser. The rescheduled fund-raiser will raise money for FFF's Christmas Dinner on Dec. 21, the second year Backstreet has sponsored the holiday feast. Look out for the unique money-raiser to benefit Loving Arms and Friends For Life on Sept. 26 at One More. You can buy large concrete blocks on their patio wall for your artistic pleasures. How neat!!

Sad to say... AIDS has taken its toll in the major cities across our nation, but no city has felt the impact from the epidemic as much as San Francisco.

Happy to hear... For the first time in 17 years, there were no AIDS-related obituaries in the Gay weekly, the *Bay Area Reporter*. "Death takes a holiday" read the headlines. Isn't that wonderful?

Sad to say... A bride-to-be was hospitalized with a nervous breakdown the night before her wedding on the Greek island of Crete after finding her husband-to-be, dressed in her wedding gown, in the arms of the best man!

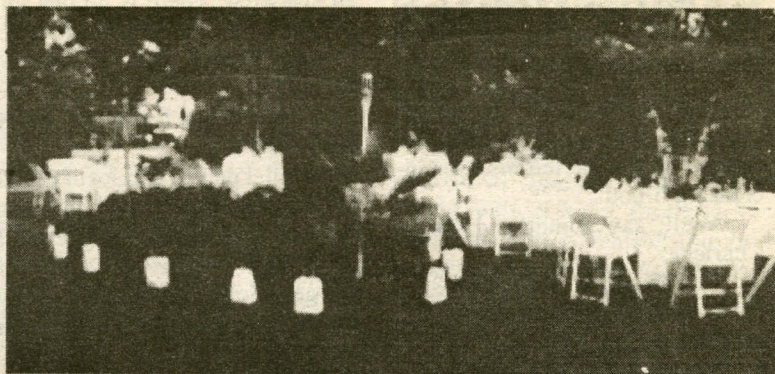
Happy to hear... This reinforces what I have always heard... it's tough to marry a Greek, because he doesn't want to leave his brothers (brothers'?) behind.

Sad to say... Blacks are turning a deaf ear to the AIDS message, and it is literally killing them. Black males make up 56 percent of the 3,141 HIV cases (separate from reported AIDS cases) reported in Shelby County vs. 18 percent for white males; Black females account for 23 percent vs. 2 percent for white females. AIDS is the number one cause of death of Black men and women ages 25-44.

Happy to hear... The Congressional Black Caucus and, finally, the NAACP are calling for action and more education and prevention to deal with the disproportionate rate of HIV infection. Now, let's see them walk the walk, not just talk the talk.

Sad to say... The topic of religion and homosexuality (together, not singularly) absolutely makes my T-cells plummet! I just can't believe God created me and loves me, but organized religion rejects me. Now the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church has ruled that same-sex marriage is against church law. Clergy who perform these ceremonies will be "liable to a charge of disobedience to the order and discipline of the church." Local yokel Dr. Bill Bouknight of the behemoth Christ United Methodist Church believes the ruling restores the faith in the courts of the church.

Happy to hear... Initially, Rev. Jimmy Creech of Nebraska was acquitted by a jury of clergymen for performing a ceremony for two Lesbians. As for the Judicial Council's decision... it just goes to



The Memphis Botanic Gardens made a beautiful setting for Friends for Life's Garden of the Moon event.

show that small minds can make big decisions... just not the right decisions.

Sad to say... HOPWA funding has been cut at Friends For Life, a loss of more than \$200,000, and the Ryan White funds are frozen.

Happy to hear... Sen. Steve Cohen, loyal friend that he is, remembered PWAs when presented to Friends For Life a check for \$10,000 during the event, Garden of the Moon. Money from his "pork barrel" fund also went to Aloysius Home. Do you know how pretty a check for \$10,000 looks?

Sad to say... "There is nothing like a woman scorned," so the sexist saying goes, but this woman went nuts. A 29-year old Lewisburg, Tenn. HIV-infected woman disclosed she had unprotected sex with up to 50 men to get revenge for her own HIV infection. She contracted the virus three years ago from an ex-boyfriend. The manager of the Economy Inn said she came in about once a week with different men who would pay the \$25 room rate.

Happy to hear... She is being charged with two counts of criminal exposure to HIV and more charges could possibly be filed.

Sad to say... While Blacks make up 13 percent of this country's population, they account for 57 percent of new HIV infections. Even more disturbing is that more than 80 percent of HIV-positive women ages 13 to 24 are Black or Hispanic.

Happy to hear... Surgeon General David Satcher, who happens to be Black, is urging Black leaders to mobilize against the disease, even comparing the epidemic to the civil rights struggle. "We need to educate as we've never educated before," he told the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Council. I don't like to see anyone getting HIV, but finally, some other "group" can help draw attention to the disease.

Sad to say... Garden of the Moon, a lunar culinary experience, was almost the Garden of the Rain. All was ready when the "rain hit the fan." Everything had to be broken down, rewashed, repolished, re-everything. Tammy Gurley Drown and Kim Drown, the ladies who supplied and set up just about everything, worked themselves into a frazzle

Happy to hear... The fund-raiser for Friends For Life was held

the next day under ideal weather conditions. The event netted \$11,000 for the agency. Even though the rain date caused some glitches, about 150 supporters feasted upon a five-course meal accompanied by three wine courses while seated in the exquisite gardens of Dabney Turley and Rick Rossow. People danced to the tunes of The Teresa Pate Combo while the full moon slowly rose above the trees. Look for the photo spread in the September issue of *RSVP*.

Sad to say... With all the good news on the AIDS front, people are becoming lackadaisical in their safe-sex practices. Let me give you another reason to "keep your coat on." From the 8th Annual Clinical Care Options for HIV Symposium (that's a mouthful) held in Scottsdale, Ariz., May, 1998: An increase in malignancies among HIV-infected individuals. A study out of San Francisco suggests half of the HIV+ Gay men who had a history of receptive anal sex had rectal pap smears consistent with anal intraepithelial neoplasia (AIN). "The natural course of this disease is not well established but as patients with severe immune suppression survive longer, we may see an epidemic of invasive anal cancer." That sounds just lovely.

Happy to hear... Don't quite know what to say to that...

Sad to say... OK... so by now you know Friends For Life has lost major funding.

Happy to hear... As of this writing, this publication has not received any letters, positive or negative, in response to this news. "Does anybody know what time it is... Does anybody care?"

Sad to say... There isn't an ACT UP chapter in Memphis.

Sad to say... From Ann Landers: A 27-year old Michigan man complained that a rear-end auto collision had made him a homosexual. His only physical injury was to his back, but his lawyer argued that after the accident, his client left his wife, started hanging around Gay bars and reading homosexual literature. What's even sadder, the sympathetic (and might I add gullible) jury awarded him \$200,000 and \$25,000 to his wife.

Happy to hear... Hell... when I got rear-ended my first time, I, too, started to hang out in Gay bars and reading homosexual literature.

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Gay Softball World Series Report

By Chuck Saylor

For the Autumn St. Haze and J-Wag's Jaguars, their first experience playing in the Gay Softball World Series was a multitude of feelings of excitement, extreme efforts, queasy stomachs, dramatic comebacks, exhilaration and disappointment all rolled into one week of softball. If this sounds like it's a bit dramatic, it's not! Any of the approximately 2,500 softball players who participated can attest to it, and I'm sure add a few more adjectives.

The week-long tournament, held in Atlanta this year, is in its 22nd year and features the "best of the best" teams from 33 different Gay softball leagues across the U.S. and Canada. Attending were 106 teams, 71 Open (mens) and 35 Women's divisions, all competing for the opportunity to be crowned champions.

Sunday and Monday were registration days for the players as they flooded the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel in midtown Atlanta giving everyone a chance to greet old friends and meet new ones. Teams were divided in pools (groups) by random draw to play on Tuesday and Wednesday. Each team played three games within its pool, then was seeded (ranked) according to its won/loss record, runs scored by the team and runs scored by the opposition. Thursday through Saturday began the double elimination part of the tournament. Two losses in this format and your team was out of the tournament.

The first game for the Jaguars was against Nashville Express

which saw both teams alternately jump to a lead only to have the other team come back and tie or go ahead by a run. Nashville scored seven runs in the last inning to go ahead 13 to 5 as the Jaguars staged a rally themselves scoring six runs only to fall short by 13 to 11.

The Haze played later that afternoon against the DC Metz, hanging tough with its opponents until the fifth inning when the Metz scored five runs and won by a 12 to 6 score.

Two games were on tap for both teams on Wednesday. The Jaguars played Chicago Scots and were drubbed 19 to 7 as their defense fell apart allowing 10 unearned runs to score. The second game was a different story as the team pounded the Birmingham A-Train by a score of 14 to 0 as their bats and defense finally came together for a much needed win.

The Haze's next game was against Norfolk Wipeout where the team members played their style of softball by making timely hits and taking the extra base with their speed and aggressive running. The Haze came away with a hard fought 8 to 4 victory as the team picked up support from many spectators. Scheduled next was the Nashville Sounds as the Haze eked out a 6 to 5 win against a very tough team.

Thursday was a new start for all teams as the double elimination part of the tournament started. The Jaguars faced Pittsburgh Outlaws, and were mugged 19 to 7 even though the Outlaws had only four more hits than the Jags. The Haze faced the Portland Storm and held

a 4-0 lead late into the game only to see the Storm score five runs on hits that seemed like they had "eyes," sneaking between the infielders and spelling defeat by a 5 to 4 score.

Friday morning came and so did the rain as games were delayed five hours to allow time for the maintenance crews to make the fields playable. The Jaguars were pitted against Houston Pacific Street, and played like they were possessed by thumping them 22 to 4. Meanwhile, the Haze was playing Birmingham Quest Cubs and fell by a close 7 to 6 score in spite of turning five double plays during the game, an almost unheard of accomplishment. The Haze wasn't able to get the much needed runs with runners in scoring position. Next up for the Jaguars was the N.Y. Titans, the number one seed. The Jaguars played great defense and scrapped for runs as they knocked the Titans out by an 8 to 6 score. Minneapolis Twin-Cities Storm was next for the Jags with the game changing leads back and forth as the Storm held a slight 14-13 lead into the last inning and then exploded for seven runs as the Jaguars were not able to stage a rally of their own and fell by a 21 to 13 final score.

Both Memphis teams were out of the tournament, but it wasn't a time for feeling down. Even though no one likes to lose, it was more of a time to look back on the week's accomplishments. All teams there were winners no matter what the final outcome.

Our first venture in the Gay Softball World Series was a successful one, not necessarily based

on wins or losses but the overall spirit and reason why they are held — unity, fun, athletic competition and meeting new people who hold the same interest in sports. Both teams from Memphis cheered each other on in victory or defeat showing that we are proud of our city and softball league, and making a statement about us to others attending.

The feature games on Saturday were the finals in each division, with approximately 2,000 fans lined up around the entire field, including the outfield areas, to relax and watch as the games were played. Division winners were: C Division — Boston South Enders, B Division — Dallas Sting, and A Division — L A Stray Cats

Closing ceremonies were held Saturday night with a lavish buffet and casino set-up with each person given \$4,000 in "play money" to use on the gaming tables.

With that we say a sincere "thank you" to Atlanta and the many volunteers who helped make our visit there most enjoyable and memorable. Next year's series will

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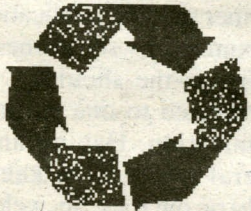
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Sad to say... Much time and energy goes into holding any fund-raising event. The money raised is always needed by the agency and put to good use. The

more money, the merrier. I need to hit upon a big one, raising a whole lot of money at one time..

Happy to hear... The Mother of all AIDS fund-raisers is upon us. Mark September 19th on your calendar for Aloyius Home's

Place At The Table. Last year the event raised \$90,000, and this year's party will raise well over \$100,000! This all-inclusive event raises something else that is as important as the money... AIDS awareness.



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The Fall Season—Part 1

By Vincent Astor

If you're bored, it's your own fault.

Remodeling—Part 2 By Lady A.

It's a mania or a fad or a something or other. Everybody's doin' it.

David Bulliner of David's mentioned taking over another storefront to expand his game room.

Amnesia's rehab is in full swing — is Memphis ready for dance platforms and the latest thing from California?

Pipeline's makeover is due for unveiling next month.

Arizona is moving to Cooper/Young and disposing of a lot of mid-80s decor at its new location.

Original art turns over like dominoes at In The Grove; you never know what new combination there will be.

Holy Trinity has a whole new building to remodel.

It's salad days for the interior decorator in many people (and don't knock that stereotype, rearranging the furniture is fun and therapeutic).

By the by, congratulations to Miss Other Side in Jackson, Tenn.—Aurora Knight from Memphis. Others placing were Veronica London, Eve Kirby and Just Barbi.

Church Chats

Already mentioned, and covered in a story, is Holy Trinity Community Church's purchase of a building of its own in the

Highland Heights area. It is interesting to note that a sizable percentage of this congregation lives closer to Summer and National than to Madison and Willett. That's certainly an interesting trend. The move is planned for Autumn.

Rev. Greg Bullard will be relocating to a new congregation and a new city at the end of August. His last sermon in Memphis as pastor of Safe Harbor will be Sun., Sept. 6. He will be moving to Nashville and will be missed. Services at Safe Harbor will continue as scheduled. No new permanent pastor has been announced yet.

Benefit Recap

Amnesia Drag Olympics—\$2,450 for Friends For Life, Krazi Becki won with other prizes being won by Chi Chi Macarena and Juanna Dick. Three hundred people attended.

PMS Benefit, Madison Flame—Over \$1,000 for MAGY (Memphis Area Gay Youth). Capacity crowd. MAGY will use the money toward a prom in the Spring.

Aphrodite Mini-Show, One More—Over \$1,000, a donation from which was sent to the Heart Association and toward a needy family known to the club.

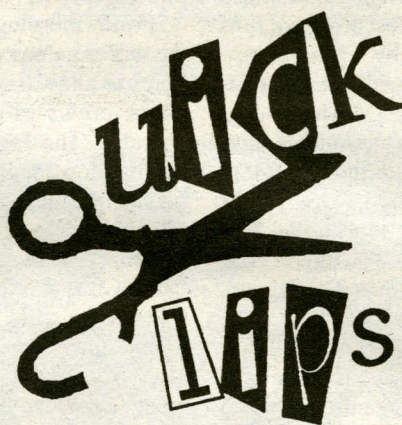
Passages

Randall Lyon, active in the Memphis music and literary scene since the early 70s, in

Little Rock, Ark.

Joel Hurley, active at the Overton Park Shell, local theatre, psychic circles and Wiccan circles, killed by an auto.

Both of these individuals were unique, extraordinary and openly Gay wherever they were, whatever they did, during times when it was less easy than now. Both will be missed.



The Runaround Memphis

Pride is going to Nashville on Sat., Aug. 19, for the Nashville Pride celebration. The annual meeting and elections will be Mon., Sept. 21.

Holy Trinity will hold a benefit for its building fund on Sun., Sept. 20, at Madison Flame.

Loretta Williams says to watch for this year's Miss Gay Memphis at 501 later this fall.

One More will host "Off The Wall," a benefit for Loving Arms and Friends For Life.

Backstreet has rescheduled its Feast For Friends benefit for Thurs., Sept. 10. Anita Ward will sing in concert there on Fri., Sept. 25.

Emerald Theatre Company will open Harvey Fierstein's *Safe Sex* at Theatreworks Fri., Sept. 18, and run it for two weekends.

Surprised In Spite of Herself

Sharon Wray, who turned 60 years old on a canal in Venice, said that she could do one of two things to celebrate her birthday:

give a party or take a trip. She took the trip.

Now, 10 years ago, she was given a fabulous party to celebrate the big 50. Her friends could not let another milestone go by partyless. An over-capacity crowd of well-wishers planned to surprise her outside her bar, Madison Flame, on Friday, Aug. 28. They were to meet a horse-drawn carriage and bring her in to food, reminiscences, a rocking chair and a Show of Shows. Dee Dee Whitaker (Jimmy Gray) was scheduled to be emcee and your own Lady A. to be lead roaster.

I have a real debt to Sharon's birthday. I happened to notice at the 50th that this was potentially the last great gathering of pioneers from the 60s and 70s. That gathering inspired me to begin writing historical articles and gather information. I turned out to be right about the party and, due to this, perhaps have left behind a few chronicles that might be worth reading someday.

Competition? No. Colleague? Yes.

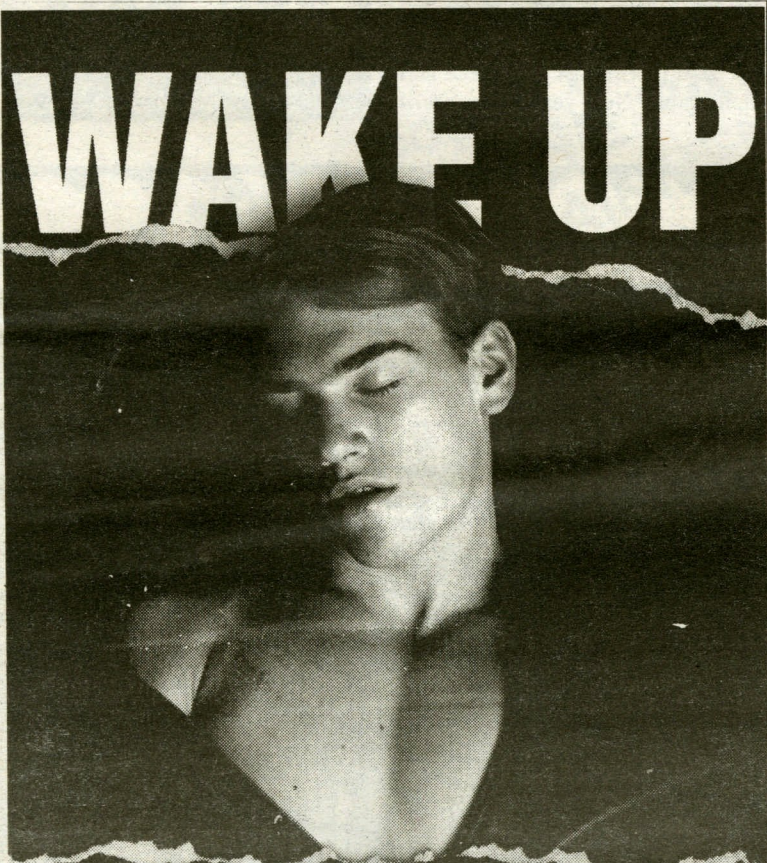
It is time, now that the third issue has hit the streets, to give a personal welcome to *Family and Friends*, the new community-published entertainment guide for Memphis. It is always refreshing to see new viewpoints and new attitudes which reflect the greater Gay/Lesbian community. Patricia D. Pair is publisher and Anita C. Moyt is editor. It is also very useful for me (and this works both ways) to check the accuracy of businesses, events, etc. A very small staff publishes both *Family and Friends* and *TJN*, and we all must rely on outside sources for news and updates. As Lady A. and I have said so many times, we can't be everywhere; we just give a good impression of being everywhere.

Other specific publications in our community sometimes have a chip-on-the-shoulder; some are directed to one purpose or organization. Having another general publication keeps us (both) on our toes. So, welcome!

Final Round

It is becoming more important day by day to stick together as Gay and Lesbian people. Together, we can keep the lives we have fought for. We musn't give in to hate or fear. We must keep going. Proudly.

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Who was Bayard Rustin?

Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has expended a lot of energy publicly condemning Gay people and denouncing the Gay rights movement. What she seems to have forgotten is that the man who taught her famous uncle about nonviolent protest and was a major architect of the Black civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s was an openly Gay man named Bayard Rustin.

Rustin was born in 1912 in eastern Pennsylvania and raised by his Black Quaker grandparents. Toward the end of his life, he noted that his activism was rooted more

a Southern white Lesbian and author of the controversial novel about miscegenation, *Strange Fruit*, hooked Rustin up with the 27-year-old Martin Luther King, Jr., who was trying to organize a bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala. King had academic knowledge of Gandhi's philosophy, but Rustin taught him how to actually employ the techniques of nonviolence. As King's adviser, Rustin and several others conceived the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the grassroots civil rights organization that propelled King into the national spotlight.

PAST/OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO

in Quaker pacifism than in his being Black. After attending two colleges and graduating from neither, Rustin moved to New York City in the mid-1930s and enjoyed a brief first career as a singer and actor, playing opposite Paul Robeson in the Broadway musical, *John Henry*.

But activism, not acting, was to become Rustin's life work. In 1936, he joined the Young Communist League, but became disenchanted with the party when it abandoned its commitment to the desegregation of the armed forces at the start of World War II. Rustin quickly moved on to work with the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), an international Christian pacifist organization. During his early years with FOR, Rustin became a disciple of Gandhian non-violence. In 1944, he put Gandhi's principles into action when he defied his draft summons and had to spend 28 months in a federal prison. After his release, Rustin played an important role on the Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training, which was instrumental in the desegregation of the armed forces in 1948.

Rustin became one of FOR's top figures and was rumored to be heir apparent to its leader. But his homosexuality and frequent casual sex hurt his career. In 1953, while on an FOR speaking tour, he was arrested in Pasadena on a morals charge when he was caught in a parked car having sex with two men. Rustin maintained that the men entrapped him, but he pled guilty anyway and spent 60 days in jail. Though Rustin had never been closeted, being arrested made him a liability to FOR, and he was asked to resign.

Rustin continued to work in the peace movement, taking a staff position with the War Resisters' League. But in 1956, Lillian Smith,

To King's credit, he hired Rustin knowing about his sexual orientation and criminal record. King himself "was under such extraordinary pressure about his own sex life," Rustin later explained. "J. Edgar Hoover was spreading stories, and there were very real efforts to entrap him" and thereby discredit the civil rights movement.

Some Black activists close to King were not comfortable with Rustin, whose promiscuity, they believed, might compromise the entire movement. At one point and for unknown reasons, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. threatened to go public with the false accusation that King and Rustin were lovers. In 1960, in the interest of preserving the movement, Rustin quietly resigned as King's assistant.

In 1962, however, Rustin was back in the thick of things, at the request of veteran Black organizer A. Philip Randolph. Randolph's 1941 threat to bring 100,000 Black protesters to Washington had convinced Roosevelt to block discrimination in defense contracting, and he was once again planning a march to bring about government action. Recognizing Rustin's extraordinary organizing skills, Randolph asked him to draw up the blueprint for a massive civil rights march on Washington, to be held on the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Though Rustin was the march's architect, Black leaders were hesitant to name him as director, since his ties to Communism, his conscientious objection and his morals charge arrest made him vulnerable to attack from civil rights opponents. (Strom Thurmond did eventually attack Rustin on all of these points.) Randolph became the official march director instead, but he named Rustin as his assistant and turned the responsibilities of organizing over to him. The March on

Washington, which took place on Aug. 28, 1963, and culminated in King's "I Have a Dream" speech, was a pinnacle of the movement for Black civil rights.

Though the march was probably Rustin's finest hour, he spent his entire lifetime as an activist, being arrested over 20 times for acts of civil disobedience. In 1964, he organized a public school boycott in New York City, in which 400,000

students, teachers and school employees stayed home to protest the slow pace of integration. Well into his 70s, Rustin was still active in various causes, including the fight against AIDS. "He had work to do until the very end," one of his associates said after Rustin died in August 1987 of heart failure. "His utter devotion to causes was marked by the use of his last ounce of talent, the driving urge to talk,

to plan, to organize."

For further reading:

Interview with Rustin in *Other Countries: A First Volume*, 1987; Jervis Anderson, *Bayard Rustin: Troubles I've Seen*

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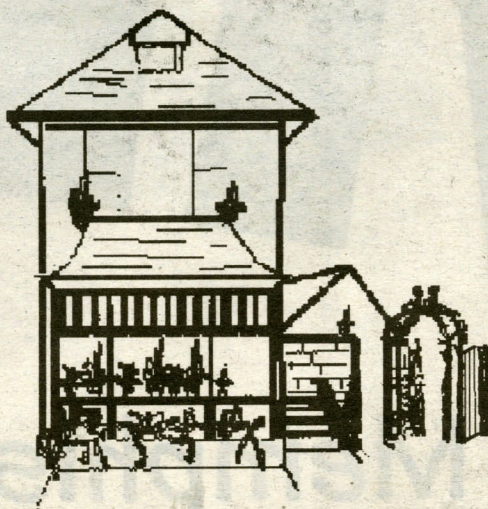
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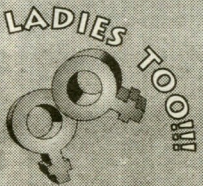
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QUEER Science

By Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

Autogynephile? What in Heaven's Name is That?

"Autogynephile"? What in heaven's name is that? Another Greek-sounding medical diagnosis designed to oppress a sexual minority?

Well, sort of. The term was coined in 1989 by sexologist Ray Blanchard, of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto. It describes a subgroup of male-to-female transsexuals who, he believes, have been thoroughly misunderstood. And some of these very transsexuals are standing up to say they agree with him.

The "classic" transsexual is a person who, from early childhood, has the sense of belonging to the other sex from that which his or her anatomy indicates. In childhood, such a boy or girl may show many behavioral traits of the other sex and may express a wish to become the other sex. When sexually mature, he or she is sexually attracted to people of his or her own sex, but does not identify as Gay or lesbian. Rather, he or she identifies as a heterosexual person of the other sex. Often, a classic transsexual seeks sex-reassignment surgery to bring the body into harmony with the mind, and to achieve sexual relationships with heterosexual partners.

This kind of transsexuality has a lot in common with homosexuality. In my view, it probably represents an extreme case of the same kind of sex-atypical brain development that, in a less marked form, produces Gay people. But increasing numbers of people, mostly men, who request gender-reassignment surgery don't fit this picture. Many of these men do not have a history of marked gender-nonconformity in childhood, and say that they are sexually attracted to women. In other words, men in this group are heterosexual, but become homosexual after surgery.

Blanchard believes that what motivates such men is a sexual attraction to the idea of themselves as women, and he translates this concept into Greek as "autogynophilia." He thinks that autogynophilia is essentially an extreme form of heterosexual cross-dressing: that is, instead of being sexually aroused simply by the thought of wearing a woman's clothes, an autogynephile is aroused by the thought of wear-

ing a woman's body. It is, Blanchard thinks, a kind of fetishism - a projection of the libido onto an atypical object or idea.

One person who thinks Blanchard is at least partly right is physician and sexologist Anne Lawrence. Herself a male-to-female transsexual, Lawrence participates in an annual retreat for "new women" (postoperative male-to-female transsexuals). In a 1997 presentation at the International Congress on Sex and Gender, she described the results of a survey of thirteen women at the retreat. Ten of the women identified as lesbian or bisexual, and the same number said that the idea of themselves as women was sexually arousing to them. Over half of the women said that the idea of themselves as women had been their primary erotic fantasy prior to their sex change, in line with Blanchard's hypothesis. Many of the women were specifically attracted to other male-to-female transsexuals, and had been in sexual relationships with them. "Is it," asked Lawrence at the congress, "because they are our own fantasies made flesh?"

Why has autogynophilia remained hidden till recently? Probably because male-to-female transsexuals have feared that they won't be accepted as "real" women, or even as "real" transsexuals, if they acknowledge having such fantasies. Indeed, as Lawrence pointed out, surgeons might well not want to perform surgery to help someone act out their fetishistic fantasies. Yet the crucial question is not what brings a person to a surgeon, but what the long-term outcome of surgery is for a person's sexual and mental health. The answer to this question is not yet in, but identifying autogynephiles as a distinct group of people is a necessary prelude to finding it.

There's been plenty of debate, over the years, about the "naming" of sexual minorities by doctors and other professionals. Has the invention of clinical-sounding terms like "homosexual," "transvestite," and "transsexual" helped or harmed the people the terms were intended to describe? In my view, the net effect has been beneficial: the terminology and the medical discourse helped identify groups who had been profoundly harmed by their non-recognition

in society.

Still, to reap the benefits of such identification has required the active participation of the "named" groups themselves. They, after all, are in the best position to assert that they are not sick and have a right to social respect. Typically, as part of this process of reaction, the named groups have insisted on non-medical designators such as "Gay," "cross-dresser," and "trans person." The day someone insists on a friendlier-sounding term than "autogynephile" will be the day another sexual minority claims a place at the table.

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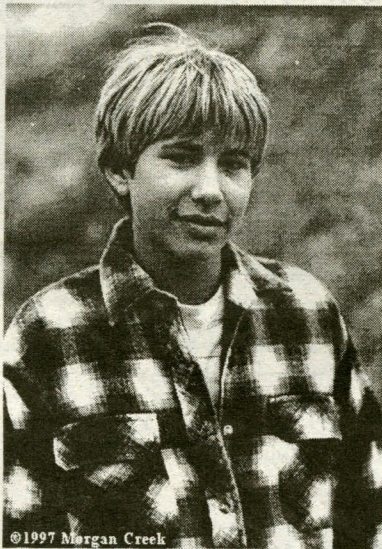
The baby-faced star of *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman* is engineering a career makeover that has him starring as a Gay, HIV-positive junkie in the new play, *Change at Babylon*, now showing in Los Angeles.

Twenty-three-year-old Chad Allen, outed by the *Globe* tabloid two years ago when it published pictures that vividly detailed his presence at an all-male pool party, dies nightly in the play, which explores life, love, drugs, drinking, sex and death among friends on New York's Fire Island. I'm sure Chad's done plenty of research for this one.

Speaking of teen idols, *Home Improvement* star Jonathan Taylor Thomas is leaving the long-running show to, according to his publicist, hit the books in order to gain acceptance to a top university. Why am I reporting this item?

File it in the rumors that just won't die department (thanks in large part to the internet). You may remember a few months ago when *The Advocate* issued a statement denying that Thomas had given an interview with the magazine in which he came out as a Gay teen.

Speculation persisted that ABC forced the story to be quashed



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Jonathan Taylor Thomas

because it didn't want to stain the wholesome image of the Tim Allen (who served time in prison for dealing coke) program. Thomas has, through his publicist, vehemently denied the rumor. But if there's any truth to the story (which requires the belief that *The Advocate* answers to Disney), the 17-year-old moppet is now free to speak.

Travolta on Trial

Questions about disco pioneer John Travolta's sexuality have dogged him through much of his career, though his high-profile marriage to actress Kelly Preston had put those rumors on the back burner.

Expect that to change, however, with the announcement of a potentially explosive lawsuit that targets Travolta and his beloved Church of Scientology.

Beverly Hills artist Michael Pattinson is suing the organization over its handling of homosexuality, claiming he was duped into spending 25 years and \$500,000 by Scientology in an effort to "cure" his Gayness.

Why was Travolta named in the suit? According to Pattinson's lawyer, Graham Berry, the movement founded by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard uses the '70s icon as an example of someone who was cured of what the church allegedly referred to as "his ruin."



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John Travolta

A church spokesman calls the suit "meritless" while Travolta's attorney told a New York newspaper that "John Travolta is a happily married man."

Don't be surprised if some old photos that Gay porn star Paul Barresi sold to the *National Enquirer* in 1991, which showed him and Travolta "palling around," resurface. Barresi claimed at the time he was the *Saturday Night Fever* star's lover, publicizing what many had only whispered.

Welcome Back, Gorgeous!

Is Barbra Streisand rediscovering her roots? Apparently Mrs. James Brolin is starting to take herself less seriously, at least when it comes to her career. The diva is said to be interested in returning to lighter comedy fare, a la *The First Wives Club*.

Babs was reportedly taken with that film, so much so that she was rumored to be up for a part in the *First Wives* follow-up, taking over the Goldie Hawn role (Kurt Russell's better half was reportedly being difficult in salary negotiations) in *Avon Lady of the Amazon*. But that project, which was to reteam the trio of Hawn, Diane Keaton and Bette Midler, is now in jeopardy due to the problems Warner Bros. is having finding a director to helm the movie.



Anne Heche

So now La Streisand is being considered for a role in *The Meddlers* (also by Warner), about three conniving women. The cast just might include Midler (who's dying to work with Streisand) and Whoopi Goldberg. This one could actually be interesting.

One last note about Babs. When asked recently by a magazine reporter about his worst jobs (and lately, he's had many), Elliott Gould responded with this gem: "As you know, I was once married to Barbra Streisand."

Paging Wonderbra

Jamie Lee Curtis, who, like many of us can't understand why they're remaking *Psycho*, told a reporter that she's equally confused about the casting of Anne Heche in the role her mother, Janet Leigh, made famous. Curtis said she can't see the *Return to Paradise* star filling out her mom's bra. And no, she wasn't approached for a role in the Gus Van Sant remake.

Meanwhile, Anne's lover is returning to the stage. Ellen is currently working on a new HBO comedy special and plans to resume stand-up full-time.

Her former nemesis, Jamie Tarses, the deposed ABC-TV honcho, deserves some credit for passing on the troubled new Nathan Lane sitcom, *Encore! Encore!* The show is having problems in reconciling Lane's "feyness"

with his role as a womanizing former opera singer. Last spring, Tarses nixed purchase of the pilot by her network because she said the producers should just come out and say Lane's character is queer. No one will buy that he isn't, she said. We'll find out next month.

Boytoy of the Year

Expect *I Know What You Did Last Summer* stud Ryan Phillippe to leap into sex symbol status with his role in the just-released *54*, which chronicles the heyday of the famed New York disco.

The Delaware-bred blond spends most of the movie in little more than a tight pair of shorts, showing off a body to die for. Phillippe plays one of those famed "barbacks" that openly Gay Studio 54 co-owner Steve Rubell (played in the movie by Austin Powers creator Mike Myers) hired as eye candy for his A-list clientele.

By the way, Phillippe's character is bisexual, and has a kissing scene with male co-star Breckin Meyer (who played the stoner in *Clueless*).

Romeo San Vicente, who, like Monica Lewinsky, saves all of his semen-stained dresses, can be reached care of this publication or at RSVicente@aol.com. For more Deep Inside Hollywood, visit www.Gay.net.



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HARD WORKING, NICE Guy, open minded, 6'1", funny Guy is looking for someone around 27, for friendship and possibly more. (Memphis) ☎10114

CLEAN SHAVEN AND SMOOTH?

CALL ME I'm a GWM, 5'11", clean shaven, smooth, 145, slim and I am looking to service other Guys in the area. You should be under 35, slim, clean shaven, smooth and young. (Memphis) ☎19997

BEST FOOT FORWARD

I'm interested in meeting a guy who shares my fascination for feet and socks. I love 'em. This attractive, Gay, White male, 5'9, 155lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, is most attracted to guys around my size, between 25 and 45. A relationship is possible with the right guy. (Memphis) ☎9292

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I'm a 35 year old, tanned, healthy White Male, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'8", 185 lbs. I'm looking for a Black Man, who is 22-35 years of age, very healthy, for a safe, casual, fun relationship. (Memphis) ☎17907

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I'm a Gay White Male in my 40's, new to the area and looking for friendship and possibly more. I'm Professional, well-educated, and have a slender build and short brown hair. I aim to please, no strings. (Memphis) ☎17447

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ORAL SATISFACTION ONLY

I'm a 28 year old, Bi curious, Straight Male, 6'0", with brown hair and eyes. I'm looking for Guys to service, right now I am just interested in oral satisfaction. If anyone is interested in that, call me. (Clarksville) ☎18629

SHOW ME THAT CHEST

I'm an aggressive, 33 year old, Gay White Male, 6'0", 210 lbs with blonde hair, green eyes and a hairy chest. I want to meet someone for friendship, possible relationship, who is 40 years of age, or older and who has dark hair and a hairy chest. (Memphis) ☎14924

FRIENDSHIP MATTERS

I'm a 19-year-old Male, 5'9", 180 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes. I'm very career-oriented right now and am not seeking a serious relationship, but I would like to meet and get to know other masculine Guys ages 18-30. I enjoy the outdoors, baseball, music, running, biking, and swimming. Let's get together. (Tiptonville) ☎14551

WHAT'S THAT PEEKING OUT?

This Single Male, 41, is looking for hairy, uncut Men who enjoy the simple things in life. I like to read, bike, go to movies, dine out, or just stay at home with someone special. I really like to see hair sticking out of a Guy's shirt. (Memphis) ☎16202

FORGET GOLDILOCKS

I'm a 28-year-old baby bear, 5'8", with a short brown mustache and goatee, in search of a papa bear to keep me warm. ☎15559

NEW TERRITORY

I'm a Bi-curious Married White Male, 28, 5'7", 140 lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes. I've never been with a Man before, and I need someone to show me the ropes and help me see what I've been missing. Let's be discrete. (Clarksville) ☎15259

A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP

This beautiful, Black male, bottom, 5'5, 140lbs, seeks a beautiful, Black, dominant top, 5'8 to 6'3, who is fit, healthy, and into very hot times. (Memphis) ☎13618

A GOOD WOMAN

This tall, White, submissive transsexual, 40, 5'10", 145 lbs., slim, loves to cook, clean, and take care of a man. I'm very feminine and passable, and I'll do things to you that other Ladies won't. I'd love to be a full time wife. ☎6232

FRISKY FRIEND This frisky, White male, seeks another guy, 18 to 28, for hot times. (Memphis) ☎14063

GET A JOB Slim, sexy, Single, White male, 20, 5'5, 110lbs, with longish, Blond hair and Brown eyes, into the outdoors, long trips, music, and dirt bikes, seeks an employed, Single, White male, 24 to 40, with similar interests. (Memphis) ☎14238

INTERESTING ENDEAVOR I'm a good natured guy searching for interesting people to strike up friendships with. A relationship is possible if I meet the right man. (Memphis) ☎14383

SMOOTH OPERATOR This good looking, 30 year old, White male, seeks someone for oral service, at their place, after work. You should be 18 to 35, have a smooth body, and preferably be in the military. (Clarksville) ☎14181

POSSIBLE LIVE-IN Friendly, Gay, Black male, a youthful 46, 5'7, 165lbs, with a slim build, medium, Brown skin and Brown eyes, seeks a Gay, White or Asian male, for friendship, dating, and a possible live-in relationship. I enjoy television, movies, music, theater, the arts, dancing, and much more. A light drinker is fine but no smoking, please. (Memphis) ☎13880

INTENSELY CURIOUS I'm an attractive, Bi curious, White male, 29, 6ft, 190lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I'm interested in finding out what I've been missing. I'll travel as far as Nashville to meet a nice guy. (Crossville) ☎14414

RECEIVING LINE Nice looking, Black male, 25, with a medium build, seeks a tall, Black male, over 6ft, who loves to give, in every way, because I love to be on the receiving end. (Jackson) ☎12177

OUT OF THE COUNTRY This small, slender, country boy, 20, 5'5, 115lbs, with long, Blond hair, Brown eyes, and a milky, White complexion, seeks a Single, White male, who can take me out of this small town and show me a real good time. I like drawing, art, and the outdoors. (Henderson) ☎13144

GREAT EXPECTATIONS If you expect more, you get more. This good looking, White male, in my late forties, 6ft, 170lbs, seeks good times with one or more, Black or White males. You must be well built and masculine. Hairy body a plus. (Columbia) ☎13654

CELEBRATE EVERY DAY I'm interested in someone, 27 to 45, who's tall, dark, and who enjoys life. It wouldn't hurt if you were also handsome, but I won't hold you to that. (Jackson) ☎12718

TAKE IT EASY Me and my partner, in our mid 40's, live on a farm outside Clarksville. We're around 5'11, 170lbs, nice looking, laid back, and fun loving. We're into light smoke and drink. We'd like to meet other guys seeking fun times, and safe sex, without any complications. (Clarksville) ☎12713

WAY TO TREAT A LADY Handsome, well hung, Black male, 6ft, 215lbs, seeks Transvestites who love to dress up in women's clothes. Call me and get with a real man. (Memphis) ☎13129

FULFILL THE URGE What's up? This 25-year-old Afro-American bottom is looking for a dominant Black or Hispanic top who's well-endowed. I'm looking for friendship and possibly more. ☎15103

NEW TO MEMPHIS I'm a Gay White male, well-educated, successful, and financially secure. I'm a young 46, with short brown hair, seeking the same for fun, friendship, and possibly more. No strings. (Memphis) ☎14576

MANLY IN MEMPHIS This rugged, White male, new to Memphis and the Gay lifestyle, 40, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks another masculine, outdoorsy guy, 35 to 50, who's financially secure and interested in manly pursuits like camping and fishing. (Memphis) ☎11988

GOTTA FIND OUT This curious, White male, 37, 5'8, 170lbs, would like to meet a Gay couple for a new experience. (Memphis) ☎11914

JUST YOU AND ME Healthy, professional, smoke and drug free, Gay, White male, 53, 5'6, 145lbs, with Grey hair and Brown eyes, is home oriented, neat, nurturing, and affectionate. I'm interested in politics, travel, the arts, reading, and more. I'd like to meet a retired, or professionally mobile, Gay, White male, of any age, for a strictly monogamous relationship. (Memphis) ☎12364

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AGAIN AND AGAIN Handsome, 53 year old, Gay, White male, 6ft, 160lbs, with Salt and Pepper hair, a mustache, and cleft chin, seeks another fun loving guy for good times. I'm definitely a bottom so it'd help if you like to take charge. I enjoy the outdoors, gardening, movies, reading, music, and quiet nights at home. (Fayette County) ☎2376

FACIAL HAIR FETISH Very masculine, 32 year old, White male, 5'7, 150lbs, with sandy, Blond hair, a mustache, and a smooth, cut chest, seeks tops with facial hair, who are under 6ft tall, and weigh less than 200lbs. I'm not into the Gay lifestyle but am very comfortable with myself. I enjoy trucks, stereos, movies, eating out, and much more. (Memphis) ☎11719

ALL IN A LIFETIME Fit, good looking, 28 year old, White male, seeks another attractive, White male, 23 to 32, who enjoys movies, biking, outdoor sports, and spending long nights together. (Nashville) ☎11610

WE ARE BEAUTY This beautiful, Gay, Black male, seeks another beautiful, Gay male, White or Black person, who is 24 to 34, 5'11 to 6'4, open minded, masculine, and a top. (Memphis) ☎11361

WARM EMBRACE Handsome, 29 year old, White male, 5'9, 135lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, seeks a White male, 18 to 28, who's trustworthy, honest, and wants to be friends or more. I enjoy dining out, outdoor activities, and cuddling in front of the tv. (Jackson) ☎11609

SOULMATE SEARCHING I'm a 36 year old, Gay, White male, 5'9, 210lbs, with light, Brown hair and Blue eyes. I was just transferred here so I don't know anyone yet. I'd like to meet other Gay, White males, for friendship and fun. Who knows, maybe I'll meet my soulmate? (South Haven) ☎11540

A NATURAL FIT African American bottom, in my early 30's, seeks a masculine, African American top, 25 to 40, who's fun loving, trustworthy, and willing to be friends before we get too serious. You should be discreet and a non drug user. (Memphis) ☎10975

THE TAN MAN This discreet, safe, good looking, 20 year old, White male, 5'11, 168lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a great tan, seeks a similar guy, who doesn't smoke, for good times and stuff. (Memphis) ☎10272

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THEY LOVE ME AT THE GYM This very handsome, broad shouldered, popular, 30 year old, White male, 5'10, 165lbs, with long, Blond hair, Blue eyes, smooth skin, and a great build, seeks similar, muscular, athletic, Blond males, with big, ticklish feet. (Memphis) ☎9848

BIG RIG This masculine, good looking, White male, 49, 6ft, with Salt and Pepper hair, has over 9 inches and is seeking similar men with similar equipment. (Memphis) ☎9510

A CRY FOR BI GUYS It's hard to find Bi, Black, and Hispanic guys, in this area. I'm a very attractive, well educated, Black male, 25, 6ft, 230lbs, with a husky build. Let's hook up and see what happens. (Germantown) ☎9160

SHOPPING SPREE This attractive, fun loving, Black male, 24, 5'9, with a short, low haircut, and Brown eyes, likes meeting new people, reading, and shopping. I want to make some interesting new friends. (Humboldt) ☎9405

HORNY FOR HAIRY I'm a good looking, horny, 40 year old, White male, 5'10, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, a beard, and a moderately, hairy body. I'm into other big, hairy guys. (Memphis) ☎9043

LONGING TO SHARE Good looking, 25 year old, Black male, 5'5, 162lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes, seeks someone for friendship or more. My hobbies include spending time outdoors, dancing, clubbing, shopping, cooking, and sharing. (Trenton) ☎9076

GROUP WITH GUSTO I'm a fun loving, in shape, Bi, White male, 6'2, 180lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and average features. I'd like to meet two or three other Bi, White males for regular, weekly encounters. (Union City) ☎8845

EXTRA ORDINARY I'm a healthy, good looking, African American male, 31, 6'2, 215lbs, seeks a loving, compassionate guy, 24 to 36, with a love of life and good sense of humor. I like being outdoors, going out to eat, and a little romance. Let's go for something a little out of the ordinary. (Memphis) ☎8411

INDEPENDENT SPIRIT This nice, honest, sincere, Gay male, 26, 6ft, 145lbs, seeks someone to become friends, and possibly more with. I'm independent, well rounded, down to earth, and open to trying new things. I like movies, going out to eat, relaxing at home, and socializing. (Memphis) ☎8746

PRIVATE SHOW I'm a professional, Gay, White male, Transvestite, in my early 40's, 5'7, 135lbs, with a smooth, toned, sculpted, swimmer's build. I'd like to meet other clean cut, professional, Gay, White males and Transvestites, for fun. I enjoy cultural events, dinners, and going to the show clubs. (Memphis) ☎8546

PROFESSORIAL PAL Athletic college professor, 53, 5'6, 155lbs, into snowskiing, ice skating, rollerblading, hiking, classical music, vegetarian food, swimming, theater, open and honest conversation, cuddling, long term relationships, and making friends, seeks a Gay, White male, 25 to 40, who's healthy, responsible, and able to share his feelings, for friendship or more. (Memphis) ☎8351

BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP I need a young, Gay, White male, 24 to 30. This 23 year old, White male, 5'11, 190lbs, clean shaven, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, likes movies, camping, hiking, and live music. I hope you have a sense of humor and are relationship minded. (Memphis) ☎8585

ARKANSAS

YOUNG, HOT, HORNY I'm a slim, Gay 18 year old Male who likes the outdoors and hanging out with friends. I'm looking for other Guys who are 18-22 years of age. (Little Rock) ☎17861

WHERE IS THE LOVE? I guess I've been looking for love in all the wrong places because I haven't been able to find it! This attractive, 38 year old, White male, hopes you'll call soon. ☎13479

ARTS AND ADVENTURE This good looking, tall, dark haired, hairy, White male, loves to be outdoors, meet new people, enjoy the arts, and spend quiet evenings at home. Let's get to know each other. (Fayetteville) ☎13833

COUCH CARESS This handsome, muscular, White male, 5'8, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Green eyes, new to the area, seeks other fit, attractive, White or Hispanic males, for fun and friendship. I love horseback riding, the outdoors, and cuddling in front of the fire watching a video. (Little Rock) ☎13802

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Monday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Smoke Free)
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Sunday	12 Noon	Discussion (Open)

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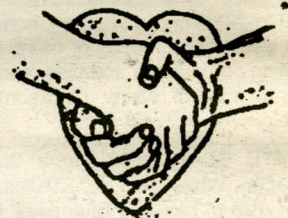
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Cherokee Adult Book Store*: 2947 Lamar ☎ 744-7494.
Fantasy Warehouse I*: 791-793 North White Station ☎ 683-9649.
Getwell Book Mart*: 1275 Getwell ☎ 454-7765.
Paris Adult Entertainment Center*: 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.
Tammy's # 2: 2220 East Brooks Rd ☎ 396-9050.
Tammy's # 3: 1617 Getwell Rd ☎ 744-4513.
Tammy's # 4: 5937 Summer Ave. ☎ 373-5760.

BARS / RESTAURANTS

- Amnesia***: 2866 Poplar ☎ 454-1366.
Arizona*: 394 North Watkins ☎ 272-9000.
Autumn Street Pub*: 1349 Autumn ☎ 274-8010.
Backstreet*: 2018 Court Street ☎ 276-5522.
Bourbon Street Cafe: (In the French Quarter Suites, 2144 Madison ☎ 728-4000.
Buns on the Run: 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.
Crossroads*: 1278 Jefferson ☎ 276-9078.
David's*: 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.
501 Club*: 111 N. Claybrook ☎ 274-8655.
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Lorenz*: 1528 Madison ☎ 274-8272.
Madison Flame*: 1588 Madison ☎ 278-9839.
N-cognito*: 338 South Front ☎ 523-0599.
One More*: 2117 Peabody ☎ 278-MORE (6673).
Overstuffed Deli & Caterers: 3003 Airways Blvd. #701 ☎ 396-1969, 3727 South Mendenhall ☎ 362-2989, 7716 Poplar Ave., Germantown ☎ 757-1212.
P & H Cafe*: 1532 Madison Ave. ☎ 274-9794.
Pipeline*: 1382 Poplar ☎ 726-5263.
The Other Side*: 3883 Highway 45 North, Jackson, TN ☎ 1-901-668-3749.
Western Steak House & Lounge: 1298 Madison ☎ 725-9896.

CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

- BJ's Cleaning Service**: ☎ 726-4211.
King's Kleaning Service: Home or Office ☎ 745-3300.
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White Glove Services: Home or Office ☎ 388-3781.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ACT UP/Gay Liberation Movement**: ☎ 526-7903 Call for meeting place & schedule.
Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
Al-Anon (Co-dependency): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
Alliance: Leather/levi club • Box 42174, Memphis 38174.
Aloysius Home, Inc.: 28 North Claybrook, Memphis 38104 ☎ 274-8321, 522-8385, Dr. Jim Shaw.
American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
Black & White Men Together (BWMT): Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 276-0168, 274-8658.
Bluff City Sports Association: Box 41803, Memphis 38174-1803 ☎ 682-9928.
Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: ☎ 465-4371 - Richard Andrews.
Cotton Pickin' Squares: Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club • Meets Thurs., 7pm Prescott Memorial Baptist Church • 3956 Blue Spruce, Lakeland 38002 ☎ 387-1567.

Crossroads: African American Gay men's motivation/support/social group. Meets 1st & 2nd Fridays. Conrad R. Pegues, 1902 Freemont Ave., Memphis 38114, cpegues@aol.com.

4F: Leather/Levi group • 3663 Appling Lake Dr., Bartlett 38133.

Friends For Life—HIV Resources: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • 1450 Poplar, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-0855 or ☎ 278-AIDS.

Holy Trinity Community Church*: Worship Service: Sun. 11 am & 7 pm; Bible study: Wed. 7 pm; 1559 Madison ☎ 726-9443.

Integrity Memphis: Meets the 3rd Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:45pm, \$4; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 525-6602.

Into The Light (Women's AA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.

Jackson Lambda Support Group: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 901-427-1500 for information.

Living Word Christian Church: Worship Service Sun. 10 am & 6pm, Wed. 7 pm • 340 N Garland ☎ 276-0577.

Loving Arms (Support Partners for HIV+ Mothers & Babies; "hold" babies at the Med): Shelia Tankersley, P.O. Box 3368, Memphis, TN 38173 ☎ 725-6730.

Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY): PO Box 241852, Memphis, TN 38124 ☎ 335-MAGY for info, e-mail: M A G Y 9 7 @ h o t m a i l . c o m ; website: www.geocities.com.westhollywood/1772/.

Memphis Bears Club: PO Box 111094, Memphis 38111-1094 ☎ 756-2687, e-mail: fuzthing@aol.com.

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar Ave ☎ 274-3550.

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC): Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 324-4297.

Memphis Lambda Center*: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs • 1488 Madison ☎ 276-7379, 726-6293, 527-1461, or 327-3676.

Memphis Pride, Inc.: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • Box 111265, Memphis 38111 ☎ 726-0987, Greg Jordan, 381-1258 George Ettinger, e-mail: safehmcc@aol.com.

Memphis Transgender Alliance: TV/TS support group • c/o Barbara Jean Jasen, Box 11052, Memphis, TN 38111-0052.

Mid-South AIDS Mastery Workshop: Ronnie Gardino ☎ 767-2182 or e-mail at msaidmstry@aol.com.

Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.

National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38174 ☎ 578-3286 or e-mail at memphisnow@hotmail.com.

New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG): Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 ☎ 761-1444.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG): Jackson, TN 38305 ☎ 1-901-664-6614 for information, e-mail: burtren@aeneas.com

Phoenix AA Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.

Safe Harbor MCC: Pastor Greg Bullard, 2117 Union Ave., Chapel ☎ 458-0501.

Seriously Sober (AA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

Southern Country Memphis: Country Western Dance Club ☎ 278-9321

Southern Sisters: Support group for transsexual women (male to female) ☎ 728-4297, 7:30-11 pm for referral.

Stonewall Mission Church: A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.

Tennessee Leather Tribe: Gay men's/women's leather org. 1568 Rolling Hills Dr., Memphis, TN 38127-5409 ☎ 357-1921.

The Mid-Towners Bowling League: ☎ 323-3111 - Linda Etherton, 342-4630 - James Bailey.

Tsarus: Leather-Levi club • Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.

U of M Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness (BGALA): BGALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs Box 100, U of M 38152 ☎ 278-5825 email: bgala@cc.memphis.edu.

UT-Martin ALLIES: Campus and community. Alternate Weds. 5 p.m. Info 131F Humanities Bldg., Martin 38238, neilg@utm.edu ☎ 587-7301.

WAC (Woman's Action Coalition): PO Box 1203, 3566 Walker, Memphis 38111 ☎ 678-3339.

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Cliff Heegel, PhD: Licensed Psychologist • Centerpoint, 5180 Park Ave. Ste 150 ☎ 767-1066.

Sheridan Lambe, LCSW: Individual & Couple Counseling, ☎ 761-9178.

K. A. Moss, MS: Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Ste. 101 ☎ 726-4586 • Sliding fee scale.

Northeast Mental Health Center: ☎ 382-3880.

Joseph Robert Pfeiffer, LCSW: ☎ 578-9107.

M. Todd Puckett, MS: Individual & group therapy. • 5180 Park Ave, Ste. 125 ☎ 767-1066 ext. 42 • Sliding fee scale available.

Joyce Schimenti, LCSW: Individual & Group Counseling ☎ 761-9178.

Jim Shaw, MA, PhD, CMSW: ☎ 327-4055.

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William N. Castle, D.D.S.: Dentist • 776 Mt. Moriah ☎ 685-5008.

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Ronnie Bingham, CPA: Taxes, accounting, estate planning ☎ 753-1413.

Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service: 3340 Poplar Ave., Ste 305 ☎ 458-0152.

Karen B. Shea: Financial Consultant, Smith Barney Inc., 1661 International Dr., Ste. 200 ☎ 818-4134, 800-227-4146, fax: 818-4233.

FLORISTS

Botanica: 937 S. Cooper, ☎ 274-5767, 1-800-769-5767, fax: 274-5688.

Flamingo Flowers & Gifts: 3864 Macon Road, Suite 2 ☎ 452-0803.

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HELP & INFORMATION LINES

Affirmation: ☎ (708) 733-9590.

AIDS Switchboard: ☎ 278-AIDS.

Gay & Lesbian Hotline: ☎ 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays, transvestites & transsexuals).

Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm).

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard: ☎ 324-GAYS • 24-hrs. Live Operators 7:30-11pm.

Human Rights Campaign: ☎ 327-2677, jmaynard2@earthlink.net

LINC: ☎ 725-8895.

Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 276-LIVE.

Rape Crisis: ☎ 528-2161.

Suicide & Crisis Intervention: ☎ 274-7477.

Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline: ☎ (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

LEGAL SERVICES

The Höglund Law Firm at Memphis: 165 Madison, Ste 1813, Memphis 38103 ☎ 526-7526 (24 hrs).

David Hooper, Attorney At Law: 1870 Union Ave ☎ 274-6824.

Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Ste 2518 ☎ 526-0809.

Robert Ross, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Ste 3310 ☎ 525-0417.

Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law: 5118 Park, Ste 232, ☎ 684-1332.

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MEDIA

Recovery Times: Free monthly newspaper focusing on addictions & recovery. Distributed in Memphis, Jackson, & Nashville TN ☎ (901) 377-7963.

Triangle Journal News: Monthly newspaper published by Printers Ink • Box 11485, Memphis, 38111-0485 ☎ 454-1411, Fax: 454-1411 *51, E-mail: TJNmemphis@aol.com.

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Antique Warehouse: 2563 Summer ☎ 323-0600.

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Have Bar Will Travel: Bartending for private functions • Lisa Gray (The Peabody Hotel) ☎ 726-5910.

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Kings Interior Painting: ☎ 745-3300.

Lavender Earth*: 852 S. Cooper, ☎ 272-2853.

Love Song Greeting Cards: Specializing in greeting cards for lovers only • P.O. Box 676, Horn Lake, MS 38637-2165.

McPherson Appliance Clinic: Sales, service & repair, Heating & A/C. • 1447 National, ☎ 327-6887, 327-7395.

Midtown Galleries & Auction, Inc.*: Antiques, Art, Painted & Unusual Furnishings • 2228 Central ☎ 725-0049.

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Sanders Facilities, Inc.: Catering & party facility rental • Michael Sanders ☎ 948-3998.

Star Search Video*: 1411 Poplar Ave ☎ 272-STAR.

The Bolo Bartender: Steve Wesson • 2001 St. Elmo, Memphis 38127 ☎ 358-2089.

The Limo Connection: ☎ 521-0331.

TNT Painting: Tom Rowe & Trent Gatewood ☎ 481-7900.

Tom Webb Ins.: Insuring in the Gay and Lesbian Community, 4646 Poplar ☎ 682-2170.

Tropical Impressions: Pet Shop & Grooming Salon • 3700 S. Mendenhall ☎ 794-3047 or 365-9716.

Vantek: Internet Services • Box 111324, Memphis 38111-1324 ☎ 324-4999, e-mail: vtadmin@vantek.net.

Whittington Tree & Lawn Service: Sandra & Troy Whittington ☎ 685-8410. Free estimates, 24 hr. service.

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Russell Armstrong, Developer, Looney Developments: 194 Looney Ave. ☎ 525-3044.

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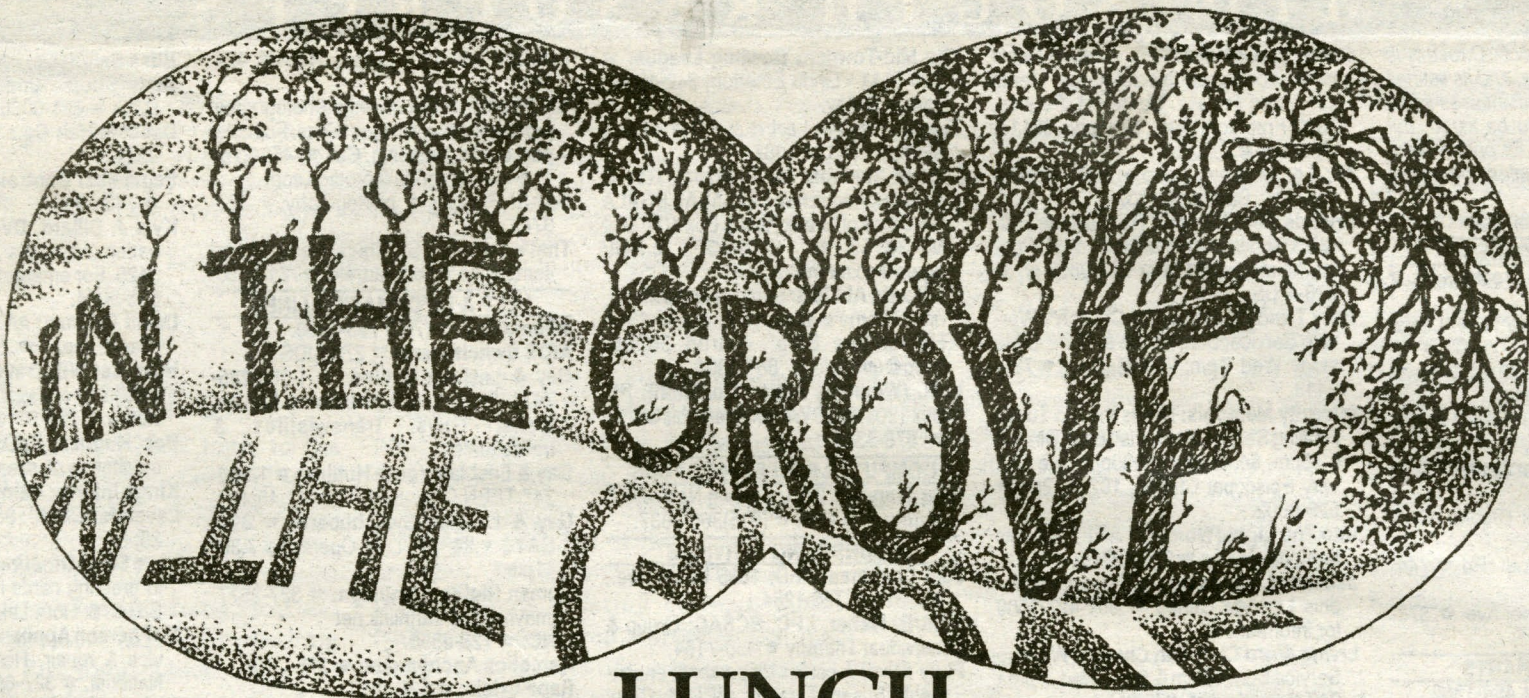
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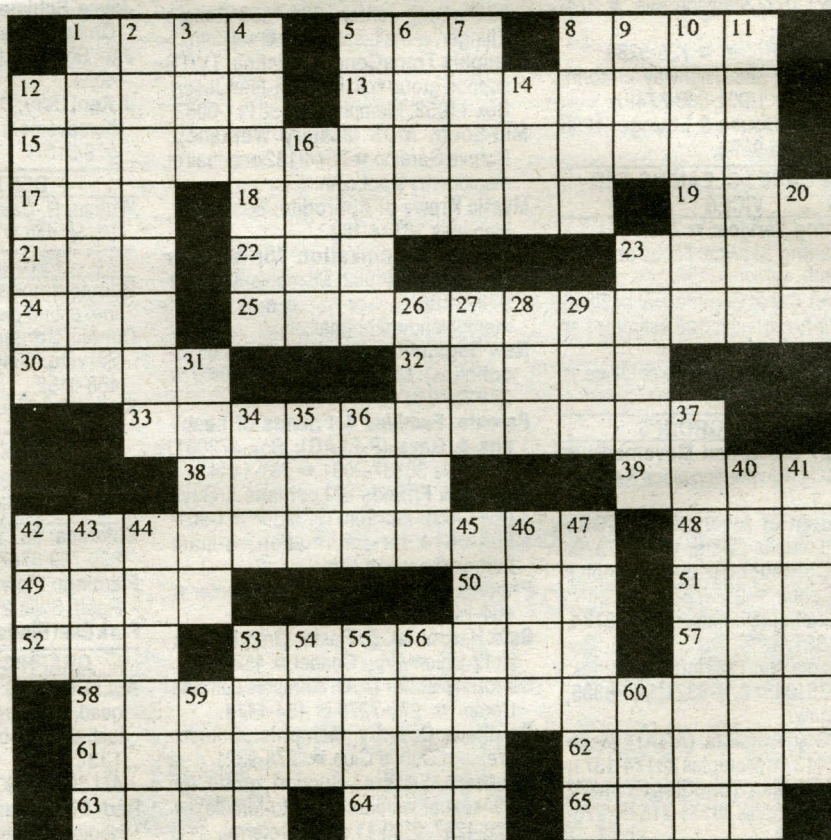
ACROSS

- 1 ___-stimulation
- 5 Blues singer Bessie
- 10 *Breaking the Surface* author Louganis
- 14 Nastase of tennis
- 15 Matisse of Paris
- 16 Clinton's Attorney General
- 17 Prolific American songwriter, 1893-1964
- 19 *And the Band Played On* star
- 20 "Mazel ___!"
- 21 Song by 17-Across
- 23 General ___'s chicken
- 26 Private dick
- 28 Part of AWOL
- 29 Song by 17-Across
- 34 Ruby or Sandra
- 35 A Disney cross-dresser
- 36 Locale of Little Beach
- 37 Song by 17-Across
- 43 First fratricide victim
- 44 Hall's singing partner
- 46 Catchword in a B&D session
- 49 With "The," musical featuring 17-Across's "Night and Day"
- 51 Make a VCR error, perhaps
- 53 Bear's hangout
- 54 Gay DC lobby
- 55 Song by 17-Across
- 59 Brazilian hot spot, briefly
- 61 Ballerina Pavlova
- 62 Musical by 17-Across
- 67 Adjective for Clark Kent
- 68 Early video-game name
- 69 Stonewall event
- 70 Singer Arnold

- 71 "Always True to ___ My Fashion" (song from 62-Across)
- 72 Length x width

DOWN

- 1 "Attack, Fido!"
- 2 "Evil Woman" band
- 3 Adjective for Abner
- 4 Shrimper's delight
- 5 Gravedigger's need
- 6 Debussy's *La ___*
- 7 Part of IGLHRC
- 8 Fruit locale
- 9 "Java" trumpeter Al
- 10 D or F
- 11 Put more bullets in
- 12 Escarole alternative
- 13 Facial Fad
- 18 Not in need of Viagra
- 22 On the ___ (furtively)
- 23 McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund
- 24 Macho man
- 25 Where Dick Button won gold
- 27 Obtain
- 30 *Frazier's* Butler
- 31 Equipped with a wind indicator
- 32 Greek geometrician or Ohio city
- 33 It may be little and white
- 38 TWA overseer
- 39 Member of the Unification Church
- 40 Pencil holder?
- 41 It accompanies crabs
- 42 ___-do-well
- 45 "Wait a ___!"



- 46 Ernie and Bert's street
- 47 Took care of a pressing need?
- 48 Came down in buckets
- 49 Hair hardener
- 50 Exterminator's target
- 52 Like Medusa's hair
- 56 Authorize

- 57 *The Celluloid Closet* author Russo
- 58 Biblical birthright barterer
- 60 Gumbo vegetable
- 63 ___ Lanka
- 64 Earth enveloper
- 65 Ballerina's support
- 66 Airport abbr.

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